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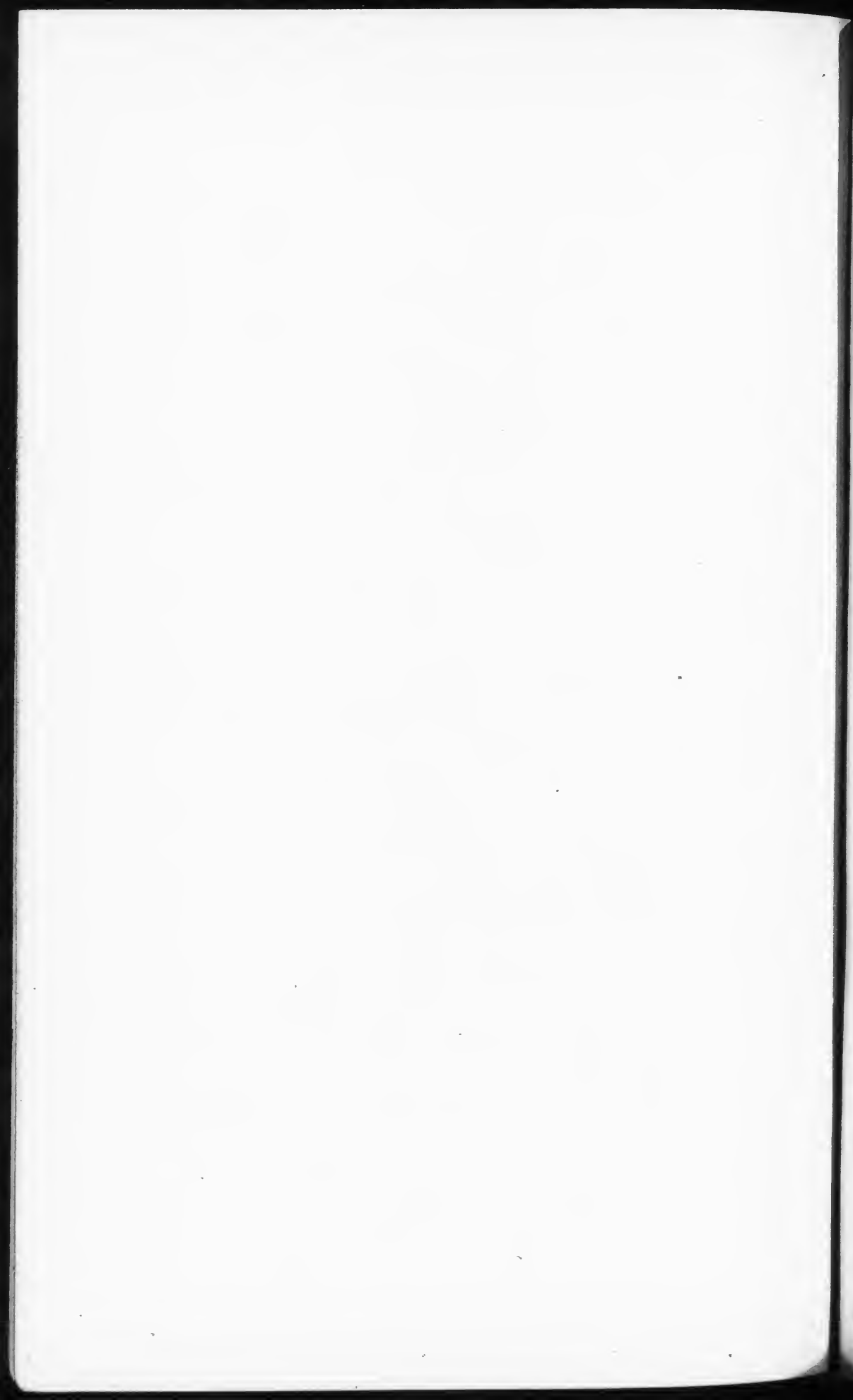
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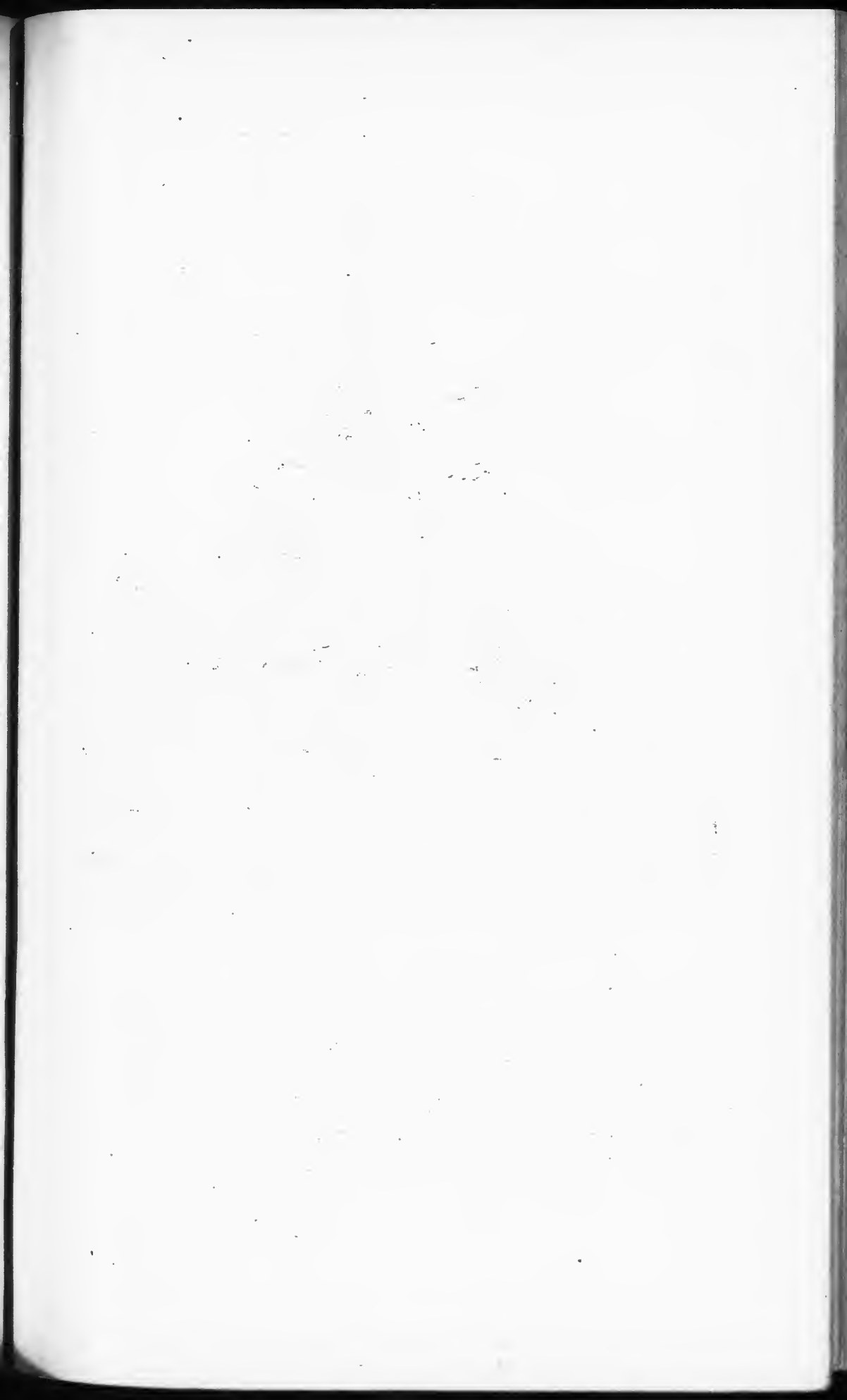
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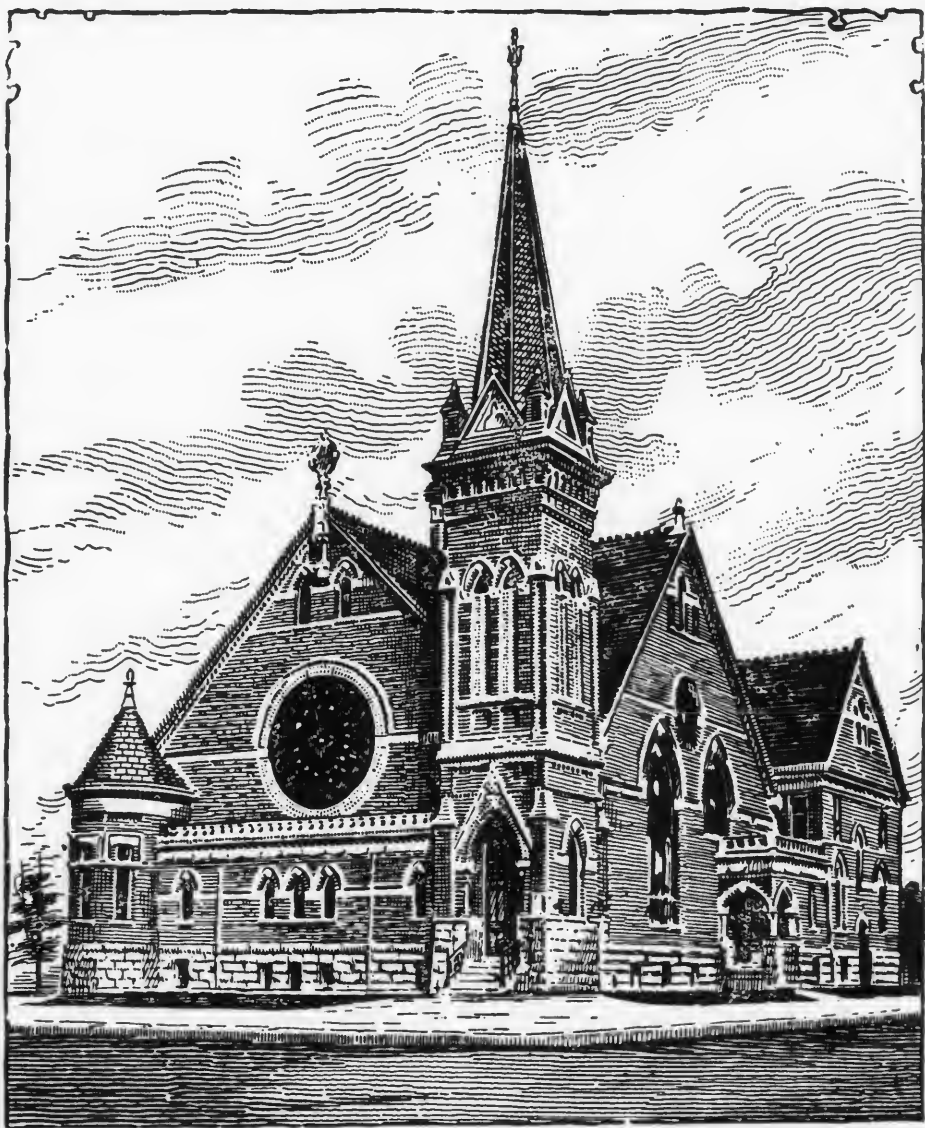
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The Iowa Annual Conference was held in this church, commencing Sept. 9, 1896, Bishop John P. Newman, the presiding officer. On Easter Sunday, 1895, the last service was held in the old church, except a prayer service conducted by S. L. Collins, on Monday morning. The new church, which occupies the ground the old one did, (which stood forty years) is 70 feet wide and 105 feet long; spire 105 feet high; seats 1,000, with extra effort will seat 1,200. Cost of new church \$21,000. Balance of indebtedness provided for, and dedicated April 12, 1896, by Bishop Bowman, assisted by C. L. Stafford, President I. W. U., Elder D. C. Smith and Rev. W. F. Mair, Pastor. The first service held in the new church was held April 5, 1896, Easter Sunday, by the pastor.

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III.

JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHO- DIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

KNOXVILLE, IOWA, Sept. 9, 1896.

The Fifty-third Session of the Iowa Annual Conference was opened in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Knoxville, Iowa, September 9, 1896, at 8 o'clock a. m., with Bishop J. P. Newman, D. D., LL. D., presiding. The Sacrament of the Lords' Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the pastor of the church and the Presiding Elders.

Roll-call.—The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the following brethren answered to their names: Abbott, David G., Adams, Frank W., Armacost, James H., Bamford, Morris, Barber, George W., Barker, Thomas F., Barnett, John F., Bevan, David C., Bishop, S. F., Boatman, J. A., Borts, Isaac, Boyd, Alexander C., Boydston, Boaz M., Breeden, Richard, Brooks, Edward C., Buriff, Arthur E., Byrkit, George W., Cannom, George F., Carson, John W., Chew, W. C., Collier, Richard, Cooper, Charles S., Corkhill, Thomas E., Corley, Joseph E., Cowan, Clarence V., Cowles, W. F., Coxe, J. C. W., Clapp, William L., Daly, Eugene S., Doud, Edward E., Erskine, W. M., Fraker, J. W., Gardner, W. S., Groome, W. N., Hackley, John W., Haines, Aaron W., Handy, Elias, Hanks, John, Hardy, Joshua B., Heppe, William H., Hightshoe, Arthur B., Hill, John B., Hooper Jacob M., Hughes, T. B., Ingham, Latham, Jackson, Warner A., Jeffrey, William B., Jones, William H., Kemble, I. O., Kendrick, A. V., Kendrick, J. C., Lambert, J. W., Lewis, J. W., Lee, John A., Loveall, A. S., Mair, Walter F., Mahaffie, W. H., Marsh, Waldo B., McClelland, John M., Millice, Henry C., Montgomery, C. H., Myers, Thomas J., Newsom, J. E., Norton, Charles R., Osborne, Thomas, Patterson, Ralph L., Patterson, William E., Payne, J. R., Pike, E. J., Pool, Thomas S., Potter, John, Potter, John W., Powelson, C. W., Pugh, Henry F., Pusey, Morris J., Schreckengast, I. B., Schreiner, E. L., Sen, Michael, Shane, Benjamin F., Shepherd, Charles W., Shook, Edward J., Sinclair, James A., Smith, David C., Smith, Ulysses S., Stafford, Charles L., Stryker, William R., Tennant, Charles L., Thorn, William G., Thornley, Arthur E., Tuttle, George M., Thero, Samuel, Weese, Renix, Westfall, Charles H., Willits, John C., Wilson, Charles W., Wilson, W. E., Zimmerman, C. R.—Total number, 97.

Probationers.—Abbott, David G., Barclay, Wade C., Beeman, George W., Coggshall, Charles E., Colby, Herbert E., Demorest, Fred C., Dillon, William H., Fry, William L., Gilmore, William F., Hughes, William F., Ingham, H. A., Mahaffie, Albert M., McBeth, Paul H., Minear, George L., Perdew, William H., Pool, John W., Robinson, Hiram T., Schlenker, George, Scoles, Harry B., Shearer, William S., Van Winkle, James E.—Number, 18.

Secretaries Elected.—C. L. Stafford was re-elected Secretary and J. C. W. Coxe and J. C. Willits Assistant Secretaries. F. W. Adams was re-elected Statistical Secretary and C. V. Cowan Assistant. C. W. Shepherd was re-elected Conference Treasurer.

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.—The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8:30 and 11:45 a. m., the first half hour to be occupied by Bishop Newman in Talks to Young Ministers.

Bar Fixed.—The bar of the Conference was fixed at the rear of the first window from the chancel.

Standing Committees.—The Standing Committees nominated by the presiding elders were confirmed as follows.

Auditing Committee.—W. N. Halt, R. Weese, H. F. Pugh, C. W. Westfall, H. A. Ingham.

Bible Society.—A. E. Thornley, W. G. Thorn, R. Collier, G. F. Cannom, W. S. Gardner.

Books and Periodicals.—J. Hanks, J. A. Sinclair, W. B. Ireland, C. W. Evans, W. P. Stoddard.

Church Extension.—C. W. Wilson, D. C. Bevan, E. S. Daly, J. E. Newsom, J. J. Beckham.

Conference Relations.—G. B. Swartz, B. F. Shane, J. W. Lewis, J. W. Lambert.

Deaconesses.—R. L. Patterson, J. G. Barton, J. M. McClelland, W. S. Kight, L. Ingham.

Education.—George Filmer, J. E. Newsom, E. C. Brooks, E. L. Schreiner, G. W. Pool.

Episcopal Fund.—H. N. Smith, D. Phillips, J. Bridges, H. F. Gilbert, Thomas Osborn.

Epworth League.—C. E. Corkhill, J. W. Lewis, B. M. Boydston, W. H. Perdew, C. H. Montgomery.

Freedmen's Aid.—C. S. Cooper, B. F. Shane, A. S. Loveall, W. C. Vanschoiack, D. C. Bevan.

Itinerant Club.—J. A. Boatman, J. C. Willits, A. M. Smith, J. W. Hackley, W. F. Mair.

Observance of Sabbath.—T. E. Corkhill, W. N. Groome, A. W. Haines, C. R. Norton, W. R. Jeffrey.

Periodical Accounts.—W. H. Jones, John Potter, W. E. Patterson, W. M. Erskine, M. J. Pusey.

Postoffices.—E. E. Doud, W. A. Jackson, G. L. Minear, H. T. Robinson, W. C. Barclay.

Public Worship.—D. C. Smith, W. F. Mair.

State of the Church.—I. P. Teter, W. M. Erskine, P. J. Henness, J. W. Lambert, J. C. Kendrick.

State of the Country.—C. L. Tennant, T. S. Pool, U. B. Smith, G. W. Byrkit, W. G. Wilson.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—T. F. Barker, J. R. Payne, M. A. Meagher, J. C. Caughlan, S. Thero.

Temperance.—J. F. Barnett, E. H. Waring, E. J. Pike, I. O. Kemble, C. W. Powelson.

Tobacco.—I. Borts, J. M. Hoover, J. W. Carson, J. W. Potter, D. S. Dunlavy.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—W. H. Heppe, A. V. Kendrick, W. B. Marsh, W. F. Cowles, W. N. Potter.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.—J. E. Wilkins, A. E. Buriff, A. B. Hightshoe, G. W. Barber, W. S. Moore.

District Conference Records.—S. F. Bishop, H. N. Smith, R. Breeden, C. E. Coggeshall, H. C. Millice.

Memoirs.—J. C. Kendrick, W. E. Patterson, H. N. Smith.

Church Insurance.—E. L. Schreiner, J. A. Boatman, E. C. Brooks, W. R. Stryker, C. S. Cooper.

New York Book Accounts.—W. E. Patterson was elected to collect the New York Book accounts.

Drafts Ordered.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$1,355.00 and on the chartered fund for \$22 were ordered, and the drafts were passed to the Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

Church Insurance Committee.—The following were appointed a committee on church insurance: E. L. Schreiner, J. A. Boatman, E. C. Brooks, W. R. Stryker and C. S. Cooper.

E. Handy was, on motion of C. W. Shepherd, elected Assistant Conference Treasurer.

Conference Postmaster.—J. W. Potter was elected Conference Postmaster.

Committee on Memorial from Oskaloosa District.—A special committee of five was ordered on memorial from Oskaloosa District Camp Meeting Association as follows: T. E. Corkhill, T. S. Pool, J. A. Boatman, H. F. Pugh and W. G. Thorn.

Time Fixed for Voting.—Voting on the constitutional questions submitted by the General Conference was made the order of the day at 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

Agent Appointed.—Thomas Osborn was appointed agent of the Methodist Review and Gospel in All Lands.

Addresses of Official Visitors.—The time of official visitors addressing the Conference was limited to ten minutes.

Introduced.—S. H. Pye, of the St. Louis depository, was introduced.

The Thirteenth Question.—The thirteenth question was taken up and the presiding elders were represented, passed and reported their work.

Secretary's Report.—J. E. Corley, Secretary of Board of Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan University, presented his report.

Memorial.—A memorial from Keokuk District Conference requesting that the pastors be required to report all collections in open conference was adopted.

Transfer.—The transfers of S. W. Siberts, an Elder from the Mexico Conference, and of F. E. Brush, an Elder from the Upper Iowa Conference, were announced.

Recommendation.—On motion of J. E. Corley the case of Brother Siberts was referred to the Missionary Society with recommendation that on account of impaired health some provision be made for his support.

Introduced.—The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: J. P. D. John, of Greencastle, Ind.; H. J. Everly, John Harned and C. H. Fleshcher, of the Des Moines Conference; H. H. Fairall, D. D., of the Upper Iowa Conference, and M. B. C. Mason, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

To Lead Devotions.—J. E. Newsom was appointed to lead the devotions Thursday morning. Conference adjourned with benediction by C. L. Stafford.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional Services.—The Conference met at 8:30 a. m., devotional services being conducted by J. E. Newsom.

Bishop's Address.—Bishop Newman addressed the Conference on the theme, "How to Think."

Minutes Approved.—At 9 o'clock the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Excused.—E. L. Schreiner was excused from the Committee on Education and W. G. Wilson was appointed in his place.

Roll Called.—The roll was called, and the following brethren responded to their names: Barton, J. G., Beckham, James J., Caughlan, John C., Evans, Charles W., Filmer, George, Hall, W. N., Henness, Peter J., Kight, Winfield S., Phillips, David, Smith, U. B., Swartz, George B., Teter, Isaac P., Thomas, S. H., Vanschoiack, W. C., Waring, E. H., White, A. W., Wilkins, John E., Williams, Charles W., Wilson, W. G.—19.

Probationers.—Gilmore, William F., Hughes, William F., Mahaffie, Albert M.—Total, 3.

Motion to Reconsider.—J. W. Lambert moved to reconsider the action of yesterday, ordering the reporting of all collections, and C. F. Williams moved to lay the question on the table, which motion prevailed by a count-vote of 57 to 45.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and the following effective Elders of the Burlington District were represented, passed and reported their collections: Coates, J. M., Bronson, S. C., Swartz, G. B., Potter, J. W., Daly, E. S., Pusey, M. J., Filmer, George, Buriff, A. E., Barker, T. F., Loveall, A. S., Henness, P. J., Stoddard, W. P., Powelson, C. W., Osborn, T., Barton, J. G., Chew, W. C., Bishop, S. F., Cannom, G. F., Pool, T. S., Hall, W. N.

The following not in pastoral charge were represented and passed: Stafford, C. L., Adams, F. W., Mahaffie, W. H.

Acquitted.—The Presiding Elder reported that charges had been presented against J. C. Willits for mal-administration, which had been referred to a committee of examination. This committee, having carefully investigated the case, unanimously acquitted the accused on all the charges.

The following Elders of Keokuk District were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: R. Weese, J. W. Fraker, G. M. Tuttle, A. E. Thornley, I. O. Kemble, R. Breeden, C. W. Evans, J. J. Beckham, J. A. Boatman, G. W. Pool, A. V. Kendrick, R. L. Patterson, C. L. Tennant, B. M. Boydston, W. M. Erskine, N. Handy, B. F. Shane, J. W. Carson, and C. W. Shepherd, not in pastoral charge.

The following Elders of the Muscatine District were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: J. E. Newsom, W. C. Vanschoiack, W. N. Groome, W. N. Potter, H. F. Pugh, A. M. Smith, A. B. Hightshoe, W. R. Stryker, L. D. Johnson, J. C. Kendrick, C. R. Zimmerman, C. H. Montgomery, W. G. Thorn, W. H. Jones, H. N. Smith, C. F. Williams, J. F. Barnett.

The following from the Oskaloosa District were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: J. W. Lambert, Isaac Borts, John Potter, J. W. Hackley, M. A. Meagher, R. Collier, D. C. Bevan, E. C. Brooks, C. V. Cowan, David Phillips, W. B. Marsh, M. Bamford, E. E. Doud, G. W. Byrkit, W. S. Kight, G. W. Barber, J. A. Sinclair, A. W. Haines.

The following from the Ottumwa District were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: W. E. Patterson, E. L. Schreiner, W. H. Heppe, John Bridges, A. C. Boyd, J. C. Caughlan, W. S. Gardner, C. R. Norton, C. S. Cooper, W. F. Mair, L. Ingham, W. G. Wilson, J. W. Lewis, I. P. Teter, H. C. Millice, W. S. Moore, E. J. Pike, and U. B. Smith, not in pastoral charge.

A. W. White and John A. Lee, of the Iowa District, were represented and passed. S. D. Brown was reported as having been transferred to the Texas Conference.

The Statistical Secretary reported the names of the following assistants, viz: T. S. Pool, G. L. Minear, C. R. Zimmerman, David Phillips, and H. B. Scoles.

The transfer of Simpson Jossel from the Mississippi Conference was announced by the Bishop.

G. W. Younkin, on motion of J. E. Corley, was located at his own request.

The order of the day was taken up.

Before the vote on the first proposition, D. C. Smith was granted leave to record the following protest:

This question, as submitted, seems to require that we agree that it was a constitutional question. I desire to enter my protest against the admission that it was rightfully such.

On the first proposition, Eligibility, the vote was: For, 84; against, 19.

After some discussion, the second proposition was laid on the table for the present. The time was extended.

The following were announced as the select committee in the case of C. W. Wilson: J. G. Barton, J. A. Boatman, C. S. Cooper, P. J. Henness, C. H. Montgomery, W. N. Groome, J. W. Fraker, A. W. Haines, E. C. Brooks. I. O. Kemble was appointed to preside. G. B. Swartz was designated as counsel for the church, and M. Bamford as counsel for Bro. Wilson.

The case of D. S. Dunlavy was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

A. M. Mahaffie presented his reports and was excused from further attendance upon this session of the Conference until Saturday.

Dr. M. B. C. Mason briefly addressed the conference.

H. J. Everly, of the Des Moines Conference, was requested to conduct the devotional services Friday morning.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Mason.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, Sept. 11, 1896.

Opening.—Conference met at 8:30 a. m. Devotional services were conducted by H. J. Everly.

Bishop's Address.—Bishop Newman addressed the conference on "Ministerial Efficiency."

Minutes Approved.—At 9 o'clock the minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved.

Tenth Question.—The tenth question was taken up and I. B. Schreckengast, William A. Longnecker, U. S. Smith, Samuel Thero, J. M. McClelland, W. A. Jackson, John E. Wilkins and C. H. Westfall were passed on their studies, and were elected to elders' orders. J. R. Payne, already an elder, was passed in his studies, and was passed to the list of effective elders. W. A. Longnecker was left without appointment to attend some one of our schools. F. T. Maxwell was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church under confession of scandalous crime.

Missionary Sermon.—Because of the detention from our Conference session of Dr. W. T. Smith, missionary secretary, W. G. Thorn was requested to preach the annual missionary sermon this evening instead of on Saturday afternoon.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question was taken up. Geo. L. Minear, already a deacon, and W. H. Perdew were passed in the studies of the second year, and W. H. Perdew was elected to deacon's orders.

Agent American Bible Society.—Rev. R. W. Hughes, representing the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the work of the society.

Vote Taken.—The second constitutional question was taken up, and the vote was: For, 27; against, 67.

Report of Committee.—The committee on the state of the country presented their report, which was adopted.

Bluff Park.—On motion of G. B. Swartz, the following committee was appointed to nominate trustees for Bluff Park, viz: T. E. Corkhill, T. J. Myers, W. E. Patterson, G. M. Tuttle. G. B. Swartz was subsequently added to the committee.

Select Number.—The findings of the select number in the case of C. W. Wilson were presented and approved. Bro. Wilson was called to the bar of the Conference, reproved by the Bishop, gave the required pledges, and his character was passed.

Agent Book Concern.—Dr. H. C. Jennings, agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Vote Recorded.—A. E. Buriff was permitted to record his vote on Eligibility. He voted "No."

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question was taken up. Wm. L. Fry, D. G. Abbott, H. E. Colby, Wm. S. Shearer and Wade C. Barclay were passed in their studies and advanced to the second year, with the exceptions here named: D. G. Abbott was conditioned on "Men and Books." H. E. Colby was required to file with the chairman of the committee of examination a certificate from the faculty of the Northwestern University as to his grading on "Universal History," or to pass an examination on the same. W. F. Hughes and Paul H. McBeth were continued in the first year. Henry Squires was discontinued.

Motion Tabled.—J. E. Corley moved that no undergraduates be hereafter advanced who have not completed satisfactorily the studies of the year. W. G. Wilson moved to lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

Time Class Reception.—H. C. Millice moved that the reception of the class for admission be made the order of the day for 10:30 a. m. on Saturday. C. L. Stafford moved as a substitute that the order be fixed for 8:30 a. m., immediately after devotional services.

Case Referred.—The case of P. C. Hogle was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

Railroad Secretary.—S. L. Collins was elected to serve the Conference as Railroad Secretary.

Publishing Agent.—C. W. Shepherd was elected Publishing Agent. The time of the session was extended.

Wesley Hospital Agent.—Jas. H. Harvey, superintendent of the Wesley Hospital, Chicago, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Appointed.—I. O. Kemble was appointed to conduct devotional services tomorrow morning.

Committee on Wesley Hospital.—C. W. Shepherd moved the appointment of a committee of three on Wesley Hospital, and C. S. Cooper, D. C. Bevan and J. F. Barnett were appointed.

Adjourned.—The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Jennings.

FOURTH DAY.

KNOXVILLE, IOWA, Sept. 12, 1896.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8:30 a. m. I. O. Kemble conducted the devotional services.

Class Addressed.—The class of the second year was called to the chancel. The disciplinary questions were asked and the Bishop addressed the class upon the duties and responsibilities of the ministerial office.

Seventh Question.—The Seventh question was taken up, and Wm. H. Perdew, John W. Pool, H. A. Ingham, H. B. Scoles, W. F. Gilmore, Wm. H. Dillon, J. E. VanWinkle and C. E. Coggeshall were admitted to the Conference and elected to deacon's orders.

Continued.—A. M. Mahaffie was continued in the class of the second year, and required to bring up "Modern History." Geo. L. Minear and H. T. Robinson were also continued in this class.

Transferred to China.—Thos. B. Owen was reported as having been transferred to the Foochow Conference.

Transferred to Conference.—The transfer of H. R. Osborne, a probationer of the second year, from the Missouri Conference, was announced, and he was admitted to the Conference and elected to deacon's orders.

Transferred to Conference.—The transfer of M. A. Meagher to the Southern California Conference, and that of S. P. Souden, from the Southern California Conference, were announced.

Left Without Appointment.—Thos. Osborn and W. A. Longnecker were left without appointment to attend school.

Conference Relations.—The committee on Conference Relations reported in the cases of D. S. Dunlavy and P. C. Hogle, recommending that their characters pass on condition that they publicly pledge to the Conference to arrange their indebtedness satisfactorily to their creditors within the coming year, which pledge the brethren gave. A collection was taken to assist these brethren, which amounted to \$41.55 and \$38.33, respectively.

Time Extended.—The time of the session was extended.

Eleventh Question.—The Eleventh Question was taken up. W. J. Farber, recommended from the Keokuk district, and Alex. Telfer, from the Muscatine district, were elected to local deacon's orders.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.—W. G. Thorn moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 p. m., which motion prevailed.

Twelfth Question.—The Twelfth Question was taken up, and H. E. Colby, from the Oskaloosa district, was elected to local elder's orders.

Votes Recorded.—Several brethren who were not present when the vote on constitutional questions was taken, were permitted to vote, as follows: Proposition 1—For, 7; against, 4. Proposition 2—For, 6; against, 6.

Orders Recognized.—The orders of Benj. F. Baker, who came from the Congregational church, were recognized as of a local deacon. The orders of Jas. Will King as a local deacon from the A. M. E. Zion church, were recognized.

Introduced.—The Rev. E. H. Richards, superintendent of our East African Mission, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Change of Committee.—I. B. Schreckengast was substituted for D. Phillips on the committee on Episcopal funds.

Adjourned.—The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by W. F. Cowles.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening.—The Conference met at 2:30 p. m. Devotional services were conducted by J. W. Lambert.

Excused.—C. F. Williams was excused from further attendance on the sessions of Conference.

Eighth Question.—The Eighth Question was taken up, and Wm. R. Jeffrey, Edw. J. Shook, Wm. S. Clapp, Wm. B. Ireland (conditioned on "Seven Lamps of Architecture"), Hiram F. Gilbert (conditioned on Political Economy, "From Dan to Beersheba," and "Seven Lamps of Architecture"), were passed in their studies and advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Continued in Class.—J. M. Hooper and John Hanks were continued in the class of the third year.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question was taken up, and George Schlenker was continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

Thirtieth Question.—The Thirtieth Question was taken up, and Oskaloosa was selected as the place for the next Conference.

Twenty-second Question.—The Twenty-second Question was taken up. The secretary of the Conference was instructed to notify all supernumerary members of the Conference that they must comply with the disciplinary requirements in reporting to the Conference next year.

H. C. Ethell.—The case of H. C. Ethell was referred to the stewards for favorable consideration, and a collection was taken for his benefit, which amounted to \$59.00.

Supernumerary.—The following were continued in the supernumerary relation: W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, F. W. Evans, B. Mark, A. Latimer, T. E. Corkhill, F. R. Holcomb, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, W. C. Shippen, H. C. Ethell, John Davis, J. H. Armacost.

Case of I. A. Bradrick.—The presiding elder of the Keokuk district reported in the case of I. A. Bradrick, that he had not been able to learn his whereabouts; and the case was continued in the hands of the presiding elder of that district, and E. H. Waring and J. C. Willits were associated with the presiding elder.

Twenty-third Question.—The Twenty-third Question was taken up, and the following were continued in the superannuated relation: H. Runyon, E. W. Twining, A. W. Stryker, John Burgess, J. G. Thompson, J. B. Hardy, A. Robinson, J. T. Coleman, E. H. Waring, Jesse Craig, M. See, S. H. Thomas, O. P. Light, W. F. Cowles, R. B. Allender, J. B. Hill, N. Wells.

Reports Presented.—The report of C. W. Shepherd, agent of the permanent fund for superannuates, was presented, and that of Geo. Haw, treasurer of the Conference fund, was filed.

Stewards' Reports.—The stewards presented their report, which was adopted, and the money in their hands was distributed as follows: (See report.)

Order On.—The stewards were authorized to draw on Geo. Haw, treasurer of the Conference fund, for \$28.00.

Nominations.—The committee on Bluff Park reported the following nominations for trustees of Bluff Park, and they were elected: (See report.)

To Meet at 8:30.—J. C. W. Coxe moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 8:30 a. m. on Monday for business.

Report Presented.—The statistical secretary presented his report, which was accepted.

The relation of W. F. Mair and of C. E. Corkhill was changed from effective to supernumerary.

Located.—L. D. Johnson was granted a location at his own request.

The Conference treasurer presented his report, which was accepted. The omission of Table No. 2 from the Conference minutes was authorized.

To Correct.—The statistical secretary was authorized to correct the statistical tables by the report of the treasurer.

Adjourned.—The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by T. G. Thompson.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The annual Conference Love Feast was held at 9:30, led by R. B. Allender, assisted by J. B. Hill and J. P. Hardy. The testimonies were blessed and helpful. Bishop John P. Newman, D. D., LL. D., preached at 11 o'clock, choosing for his text John xvi, 33: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At 3 o'clock the Bishop ordained as traveling deacons, William H. Perdew, John W. Pool, Hardy A. Ingham, William F. Gilmore, William H. Dillon, James E. VanWinkle, Charles E. Coggsall and Harry R. Osborne, and as local deacons, W. J. Farber, Alexander Telfer, Benjamin F. Baker, from the Congregational church, and James F. King, from the African Methodist Zion church, were present at the altar and accepted the vows in recognition of their orders.

The following were ordained traveling elders: Isaac B. Schreckengast, W. A. Longnecker, Ulysses S. Smith, Samuel Thero, J. M. McClelland, Warren A. Jackson, John E. Wilkins, C. H. Westfall and Herbert E. Colby, local elder.

After the ordination of both classes, the ministry and congregation gave those ordained the hand of greeting, praying the blessing of God upon them.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

John C. Kendrick led the Memorial services. Memoirs were read, as follows: Mrs. Mary Jane Hill, by W. E. Patterson; Mrs. Lucas C. Woodford, by E. H. Waring; Mrs. L. D. Johnson and Rev. James F. Robertson, by John C. Kendrick; William Posten, by H. N. Smith. Remarks were made by E. H. Waring, J. C. Kendrick, J. C. W. Coxe, D. C. Smith, and others.

EVENING SERVICES.

C. L. Stafford, D. D., president of Iowa Wesleyan University, preached the evening sermon from John vii, 37, 38.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 14, 1896.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Newman in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by J. C. Kendrick. The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

Papers Filed.—J. E. Corley filed with the secretary the documents in the case of J. C. Willits.

Reports.—The Auditing Committee and the Committees on Bible Society, Church Extension, Deaconesses, presented their reports, which were adopted.

Deaconess.—Miss Sophia Hubert, deaconess from Keokuk, was introduced to the Conference and her license was renewed.

Episcopal Fund.—The Committee on Episcopal Fund reported, and the report was adopted.

Credited.—W. G. Wilson moved that the additional amounts reported on Episcopal fund be credited to the charges in connection with the report, which motion prevailed.

Report Epworth League.—The report on Epworth League was presented and the report adopted.

Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented. The chairman of the committee was given permission to correct the statement as to the indebtedness of the I. W. U.

To Publish Report.—I. P. Teter moved to amend by instructing the secretary of the board of trustees to publish in the minutes an abstract of the indebtedness and income.

J. E. Corley moved to lay the amendment on the table. The motion was lost.

The amendment was adopted, and the amended report was then adopted.

Trustees Elected.—The election of trustees was taken up. W. P. Stoddard and E. L. Schreiner were appointed tellers. The secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for D. H. Payne, nominee of the alumni, and he was declared elected. A ballot was taken for five additional trustees, and the tellers retired.

Itinerant Club.—The report on Itinerant Club was presented. E. H. Waring moved to amend by striking out Article 5 from the report. Pending discussion, J. C. Willitts moved to recommit the report, which motion prevailed.

Limited.—D. C. Smith moved that hereafter speeches be limited to three minutes.

Committees Reported.—The committees on Sabbath Observance and on Books and Periodicals reported, and the reports were adopted.

Announced.—The Board of Examiners, the Triers of Appeals and the appointee for missionary sermon were announced.

To Meet at 2 p. m.—It was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 p. m.

The time of the session was extended.

Report Publishing Agent.—The report of C. W. Shepherd, publishing agent, was presented and approved.

Collection Taken.—The collection ordered for expenses of Conference secretary amounted to \$15.54.

Tellers Reported.—The tellers reported the election of J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Hackworth and W. G. Thorn as trustees. Another ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

Resolution on Triers of Appeals.—E. C. Brooks offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That no man, being appointed on the list of Triers of Appeals, is at liberty to stay away from the session of the judicial conference to which he may be summoned, unless excused by the presiding Bishop."

E. C. Brooks was appointed to conduct devotional services this afternoon.

The Conference adjourned, with the benediction by F. W. Adams.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened.—Conference met at 2:30 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by E. C. Brooks.

Reports.—Reports of committees on Tract Society and State of the Church were presented and adopted.

The committee on Itinerant Club reported. The constitution presented was referred to the board of examiners for report thereon next year.

The committees on Periodical Accounts, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Wesley Hospital, Tobacco, Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Temperance, reported, and the reports were adopted. The committee called for by the report on temperance was constituted by the appointment of M. Bamford, W. G. Wilson and E. L. Schreiner.

Tellers' Report.—The tellers reported the election of A. V. Kendrick as trustee of I. W. U.

Vote Cast.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, the secretary of the Conference was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for J. A. Boatman, and he was declared elected a trustee.

Resolution.—I. O. Kemble offered the following resolution, which was adopted: (See resolution on Min. matters.)

Church Insurance.—The committee on Church Insurance reported as follows:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the joint commission of the four Conferences of Iowa on the subject of church insurance, would submit the following report:

"WHEREAS, There appears to be a growing feeling in some quarters that a necessity exists for some such action as that indicated; and,

"WHEREAS, The plan formulated by the commission may not be such as in every instance meets our approval, still it may be the best that can be devised at the present time. Therefore,

"Resolved, 1st. We approve the action of the commission, and would recommend our pastors and churches to as speedily co-operate in the movement. 2d. In case this report is adopted, we recommend as the directors called for in the report: C. L. Stafford, 3 years; J. C. W. Coxe, 2 years; C. P. Axtell, 1 year."

W. G. Wilson moved to lay the report on the table, which motion prevailed.

Fourth Question.—The Fourth Question was taken up. J. L. T. Lawson, recommended by the Keokuk district conference; W. W. Williams, recommended by the Muscatine district conference; G. H. Han-

awalt, Alex. McBlain, John H. Taylor, recommended by the Oskaloosa district conference; Fred B. Tucker, recommended by the Ottumwa district conference; and D. R. Martin, recommended by the Keokuk district conference, were admitted on trial.

Church Insurance.—E. C. Brooks moved to take the report on church insurance from the table, which motion obtained.

Invited to Speak.—On motion of D. C. Smith, an invitation was extended to Chris. Haw, a lay member of the commission, to speak on the subject.

Adopted.—J. C. Willits moved the adoption of the report, which report prevailed.

Memoirs.—The report of the committee on Memoirs was adopted.

To Publish.—A report of the Sabbath services was ordered published in the Conference minutes.

Committee Appointed.—A committee of three was appointed to investigate the matter of a monument to the memory of the Rev. Jos. Jamison, viz: E. H. Waring, J. C. W. Coxe and Mr. Wright Elliott.

Report of Committee.—The committee on the Oskaloosa District Camp meeting association reported. The report was adopted.

Re-admitted.—D. F. Stiles, an elder located from the St. Louis conference, was re-admitted.

Resolutions.—The following resolution, offered by I. P. Teter, was unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, That this Conference has been highly gratified with the administration of Bishop Newman, and the kind and considerate attention he has given to the business of this Conference. We appreciate, also, the courtesy all have received at his hands, and will hail with great pleasure his return to our Conference when in the order of the Church he shall be sent.

I. P. TETER,

W. P. STODDARD.”

The trustees of the Conference were re-elected, with the substitution of T. B. Hughes in place of W. F. Cowles.

The following resolution, offered by E. C. Brooks, was adopted:

“The able and hospitable manner in which our Conference has been entertained by the good citizens of Knoxville and the estimable pastor of our church, Bro. W. F. Mair, demand and receive our heartfelt thanks. We also express our appreciation of the courtesy of the pastors and members of the other churches of the city.

E. C. BROOKS,

J. A. BOATMAN.”

Conference Treasurer.—The final report of C. W. Shepherd, Conference treasurer, was presented and approved.

Relation Changed.—The relation of John Potter was changed from effective to supernumerary at his own request.

Railroad Secretary.—J. W. McMullin was elected Railroad Secretary for next year.

Certificates Filed.—The Bishop filed the following certificates of ordination :

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

To the Iowa Annual Conference:—

This certifies, That in Knoxville, Ia., on Sept. 13, 1896, in accordance with the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as deacons: W. H. Perdew, John W. Pool, Hardy A. Ingham, Wm. F. Gilmore, Wm. H. Dillon, James E. VanWinkle, Chas. E. Coggschall, Harry R. Osborne. Local deacons—W. J. Farber, Alex. Telfer. And as elders—Isaac B. Schreckengast, William A. Longnecker, Ulysses S. Smith, Samuel Thero, John M. McClelland, Warner A. Jackson, John E. Wilkins, Chas. H. Westfall. Local elder—Herbert E. Colby.

Given under my hand in Knoxville, Ia., on the 13th day of Sept., 1896.

JOHN P. NEWMAN.

Bishop.

To Adjourn.—It was ordered that after the reading of the minutes and the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned.

Visitors.—The visitors to literary institutions were appointed. (See list.)

Appointed Superintendent.—The Conference requested the appointment of U. B. Smith as superintendent of the Children's Home Society.

Contributions.—The amount of contributions from the Iowa Conference to the missions in East Africa was reported by Rev. E. H. Richards, superintendent of the missions, as \$140.00.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

Appointments Read.—The Bishop addressed the Conference, the appointments were read, the doxology was sung, and the Conference

Adjourned.—adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Newman.

J. P. NEWMAN,

President.

C. L. STAFFORD,
Secretary.

V.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—J. E. CORLEY, P. E.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

At the beginning of the closing year the pastors generally went promptly to their several charges and entered upon their work. Two or three of the brethren have been quite seriously hindered in their work by ill health. But I think all are in such condition now as to confront the work of the opening year with their usual vigor.

The Burlington District covers a little more than three counties and consists of twenty-six parishes. To make the accustomed quarterly visitations requires, annually, more than 1,000 miles travel, through all sorts of wind, weather and roads. I have preached, in the six years, about 1,200 times, (not 1,200 different sermons), an average of about four times a week, besides holding about 600 quarterly conferences, administering the Lord's Supper about 600 times, and holding half that number of Love Feasts, all of which raises the average to the equivalent of about six sermons a week.

There is a growing number of brethren, who, on account of weak backs, impaired stomachs, acquired or hereditary tendency to neuralgia, rheumatism, catarrh and consumption, which exposure greatly aggravates, and on account of which do not feel able to take charge of a circuit of two to four appointments. To such I would say: Brethren, go commit suicide; take quick poison, jump into the river, hang yourselves, rather than let the Bishop appoint you to a district. The former will quickly end your troubles, while the latter will be suicide long drawn out. So I advise you to take the short cut, believing your chances in eternity will be the same in one case as in the other.

This year's work has gone on pleasantly for the most part. Only one disturbance has occurred, to which full reference will be made at the proper time.

The spiritual life of the churches, while not as high as we wish, yet maintains at least the usual line.

In the twenty-six parishes of the District, there are sixty-nine societies. All of these worship in churches, but one; all are owned by us, but two or three. There is a Sunday School maintained a part, but in most all of the year, in each of these, with a solitary exception. The Sunday Schools are mostly missionary societies, and, by their monthly offerings, swell, not a little, the missionary funds of the various societies. In each charge, but about three, there are one to four Epworth Leagues or Endeavor Societies, which contribute much to the entertainment of young people, and afford many avenues of usefulness.

Inquiry has regularly been made as to the condition of the Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and benevolent collections. The latter have, I think, in every case been taken, and, at the call of the secretaries, I communicated by circular letter with the various pastors concerning "debt-paying" day, and many of them took special collections on that date. The stated days, "Good Tidings," "Easter," and "Children's Day," are quite generally observed, and annually collections are taken for the various causes they represent.

Two profitable District Conferences and at least one District Epworth League are annually held. Such gatherings are stimulating to their participants, and means of education in Methodism to the churches and general public where they are held.

Several churches and parsonages have been repaired and improved at moderate expense. Only two new enterprises have been launched this year. A church at Big Mound, H. T. Robinson, pastor, will soon retire the only school house appointment in the District. It will cost about \$1,500. Pastor Henness and flock, at Morning Sun, are pushing an addition to their church at a cost of \$5,000, or more. When complete, it will be the best auditorium in that little city. First Church, Burlington, is improving the parsonage at an expense of \$1,500.

Methodist literature is circulated quite freely through the Sunday Schools, Leagues and Churches. But there remains much to be done along this line. Probably not one-half of our families read our Advocates, and in some quarters the deficiency is lamentable. While our papers, in their present style, are probably as cheap as they can be produced, yet a paper that can be circulated by authority of the Church at one dollar a year, would, in my judgment, fill a long felt want.

This has not been with us a great revival year. The old ship Zion seems to have struck a doldrum, and her progress was slower than usual. Only one general revival occurred during the year. That was at Salem, P. C. Hogle, pastor. About one hundred were added to the church, which anyone acquainted with the place and circumstances, will recognize as a decided victory for that conservative old Quaker town. Nearly all the pastors reported more or less extensive works of grace among their people, and the conversions will aggregate about 300.

During our sextennium new churches have been dedicated, as follows: Grace (Burlington), Wyman, Marsh, Highland (Mt. Pleasant, West), Mt. Union, Cottonwood (Salem), Howe (Sperry), and Wayland. Churches have been purchased at Rome, Trenton, Shiloh, and Spring Grove, Burlington Circuit. The latter was the gift of the late Hon. John Patterson. The following churches have been rebuilt and made practically new, viz: Shiloh and Asbury (Burlington Circuit), Trinity (Mt. Union). Morning Sun and Big Mound are now in process of building.

Parsonages have been built or bought at the following points: Columbus Junction, Wapello, Morning Sun, Winfield, Mediapolis, Sperry, First Church (Burlington), and West Point, while several places have made their parsonages largely new by long-needed im-

provements. All but five of the pastors of the District are now provided with a parish home. The cost of all this will aggregate about \$60,000.

First Church, Burlington, has provided for its debt of about \$10,000. Grace Church, Burlington; First and Santa Fe Avenue Churches, Ft. Madison, have slightly reduced their respective indebtedness, and a long-standing debt on the Salem parsonage has been provided for. No other church property within the District, so far as I now recall, is burdened with debt.

The following new territory has been occupied, and churches built or bought, and Methodist preaching and Sunday Schools established, where they did not exist before, viz: Rome, Trenton, Highland, Cottonwood, Big Mound, Union Chapel and Pleasant Point. At the last two places we do not control the property, the one being a Union and the other a Cumberland Presbyterian church. Arrangement has also been made for beginning services, with the new Conference year, at Oakville, a flourishing town on the Iowa Central. A commodious hall will be at our disposal, rent free for a year. This will be added to the Kossuth Circuit.

The following places have been abandoned, and, except at the last named, which is a Union church, the property sold, viz: Middletown, Dodgeville, Virginia Grove, Ebenezer and Spring Creek.

With the demolition of these old churches, some historic names will disappear from local Methodist annals, and their abandonment in each case was the source of profound regrets. But too close proximity to other and more important centers, and invasion by foreign populations, made their abandonment seem wise, if not necessary. A few other places are slowly but surely declining, and some are, perhaps, even now *in articulo mortis*! If these foreigners, mostly Germans, could only be reached and Methodistized, long and useful careers would at once open up to many of our now decadent churches. A vigorous effort along this line, I believe to be a crying need of the times.

During our sextennium, above 6,000 souls have professed to find salvation, or more than 1,000 a year. Far be it from me to claim any very conspicuous part in all these glorious achievements. It is sufficient that I have had the privilege of cheering the brethren on in their work and rejoicing with them in their victories.

I close this, my final report of the District, with feelings of about equal parts of joy and regret. There is much to cause each in the office.

Others would have done better; I have done the best I could.

I here express and record my appreciation of all the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me by the scores of brothers and sisters composing the various churches in the District; of the pastors and their families, with whom I am now, or in the passing years, have been so intimately associated in the service of our common church and Master; to such young old men as Cowles, Corkhill and See, worn out only in body, who have aided me in many ways, and are pillars yet in the Church of Jesus Christ. The fruitage of their active ministry was

abundant, and their aftermath is already great. May they long abide among us, and when their shocks of corn are fully ripe, be forever garnered with the Lord.

Finally, I acknowledge and give thanks to the Heavenly Father for that merciful providence extended over me these six eventful years. In six thousand miles of travel I have not had the slightest accident, nor do I remember a failure to keep an appointment by belated trains. Only three times do I recall being rained out, nor have I been prevented by sickness, either of myself or in my family, from attending a single quarterly meeting.

Surely, the Lord has been good, and I will still trust Him and give Him glory.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.—T. J. MYERS, P. E.

I am grateful to God for another year of good health. And I here record my deep gratitude to the preachers and to the laity, for their many acts of kindness. I have sought to faithfully perform all the duties of my office, and if I have not always succeeded, it is because a larger wisdom than I possessed was needful for the hour. Without attempting to give in detail every locality, or the good work done by every minister, this report will be confined to a brief outline of the work of the year. Much has been accomplished, but much greater results might reasonably have been expected from many charges.

Undoubtedly, it is difficult to justly place responsibility. There are many factors, both helpful and harmful, that must be considered as determining the work of the year. The pastor is held, and should be, to a very high standard, and, as a rule, the condition of his charge or church at the end of the year is used to his credit or discredit, as the case may be. Much depends upon a wise and devoted minister, and I am not surprised at the solicitude of our churches, large and small, in the choice of their pastors, but I submit, it is hardly just to hold them alone responsible for the work of the year. What shall be said of the societies that apparently hold themselves to no responsibility in any line of service, either social, financial, or religious? Or of those official boards in which there is hardly a man upon whom the pastor can depend for prayerful assistance. I am persuaded that our official members largely hold the life of the church in their hands, and without their co-operation no pastor can hope to succeed, and on the other hand, with their help no pastor can utterly fail. In a number of our charges where no great results have been realized it is because, I judge, of a lack of devotion on the part of the officials, rather than to any special lack of ability in the preacher.

The year has been, because of the stringency of money matters unfavorable for church building and improvement. Little change, therefore, has been effected in church property. In a few cases churches have been repainted and papered, old debts have been in whole or in part removed.

Notwithstanding the closeness of the times there was but a limited demand for lowering the estimates on pastors' salaries. A few charges did reduce, and others advanced a little, so that the aggregate will be about the same as last year.

As the year advanced the prospect became more uncertain of raising these claims in full. Yet where system prevailed, and boards were fully organized, and a sense of obligation was felt, on the part of the membership, the salaries of the preachers have been as a rule paid in full. We have had a year of considerable revival influence, resulting in the conversion at our altars of about one thousand souls, most of whom have been received into full membership in our church.

The Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues have maintained their numerical strength, and are doing excellent service for the children and young people of our Methodism. A majority of our Sunday Schools are organized into missionary societies.

Some eight or ten new Chapters have been organized during the year, and the Epworth League is steadily growing in numbers and efficiency. The District convention held at Milton was every way a success.

Children's Day was more generally observed by the Sunday Schools of the District than perhaps any former year, and the results, educationally and financially, have been quite satisfactory.

Two sessions of the District Conference were held, both of which were well attended and were occasions of spiritual good to all present. All items of disciplinary business were duly considered and attended to, the records of which are here for Conference inspection.

The benevolences will not be in the aggregate what we had hoped, or could have wished. There will be a deficiency from last year's report—on missions,—but in most of the other benevolences there will be an increase. If any mistake is to be noted in doing our work, it was in deferring the collections from the first until near the close of the Conference year. But I bear testimony that the pastors of Keokuk District are loyal and in the main faithful to all the great benevolent agencies of the Church, and that the decrease in reports is to be accounted for in the pressure of the times, and in the very great difficulty with which collections are made, rather than from a want of interest or effort on the part of pastors to make their several apportionments.

The report we made last year as to "Church Literature," might be added to this report in all truthfulness, without a change of a syllable or a cipher. It still remains lamentably true that hundreds of our Methodist families are without a church paper, and many with but few, if any, religious books.

I rejoice to report that death has not invaded a preacher's home during the year, and only two of the preachers have had serious illness in their families. The wife of Bro. Pool, and the children of Bro. Fraker were seriously sick, that for a time hindered these brethren in their pastoral and revival work.

In concluding this report, I am glad to be able to feel and to say that the "care of all the churches" has been more easily borne, and my own burdens and anxieties have been lessened, because I have felt that in my work I have had the generous appreciation and heartfelt sympathy of my brethren in the ministry.

T. J. MYERS.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—J. C. W. COXE, P. E.

With a keen sense of gratitude to God for His abounding mercy, I submit my first report of the Muscatine District. The field committed to my care embraced twenty-eight charges, to all of which, save one, pastors were assigned by Bishop Foster. The Nichols charge was supplied by Bro. A. Telfer, whose services had been efficient and acceptable the preceding year. All of these brethren entered promptly and earnestly upon their work, and the most of them have faithfully wrought at their appointed tasks, and have the seal of Divine approval upon their labors.

Early in the year Bro. T. B. Owen was transferred by Bishop Goodsell to the Foochow Conference, and was stationed at Hing Hua. To the vacancy thus made in the Tiffin charge, I appointed Bro. W. C. Barclay, supplying his place at Millersburg by Bro. Thos. Biggar, a local elder. Both of these brethren have rendered excellent service in their respective fields, and have "won golden opinions from all sorts of people."

Bro. U. B. Smith desired to be relieved of the Williamsburg charge, and a mutual arrangement for an exchange with Bro. C. F. Williams, superintendent of the Children's Home Society, having been made which met the approval of Bishop Foster, the readjustment was effected the first of November.

Bro. J. F. Robertson entered upon his fifth year of service at First Church, Muscatine, with hopeful and courageous spirit, and planned wisely and well for victory; but it was

"Not as we hoped; but what are we?
Above our broken dreams and plans,
God lays, with wiser hand than man's,
The corner-stone of liberty,"

and builded His temple, though the busy workmen fall at their posts. Bro. Robertson answered the Heavenly summons July 24, having the day preceding completed his 45th year. "As calm as summer evenings be," he fell on sleep, and we mourn an efficient minister, a brother beloved, a true yoke-fellow in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Others, also, have fallen by the way. Bro. Wm. Posten, an honored superannuate, entered into eternal life, Dec. 11, —, and the wife of Bro. L. D. Johnson was called to rest in March, last.

The shadows have been hanging low over the home of Bro. W. C. Vanschoiack for some weeks past, as his beloved wife has walked near

to the borders of the eternal land; but the most recent returns indicate that the crisis is past, and awaken hopes of speedy and complete recovery.

The revival spirit has not been as general and potent as in some years, yet many who have gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, have come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. I do not here attempt to number the people, nor to specify in detail the gains secured in the several charges. Such detail is not infrequently invidious; with numerically small results in the matter of reported conversions, there is often great spiritual uplift, the edification of the church, and no less evidence of devoted labor on the part of the pastor than when the church records are swelled by large accessions. "One soweth and another reapeth;" but theirs is a common joy in the success of the work of God.

Nor shall I essay an inventory of the ministerial assets of the district; my brethren neither hunger for taffy nor court epitaphy; and some things may be wisely left for the pastors to report. Of material improvements I note a renovated and practically new church building at Letts, the improvements costing \$3,500; a new church at Montpelier, on the Blue Grass circuit, which cost \$1,000, and another at Lone Tree, which will cost about \$4,000. The latter is nearly ready for use, and will be dedicated on the 20th inst. Churches on the Muscatine circuit, at Grandview on the Letts circuit, at Pleasant Plain on the Riverside circuit, and at Oxford have been rejuvenated and made more attractive; while at Victor repairs on the parsonage to the extent of \$300 have greatly added to the comfort and convenience of the pastor's family, and at Washington a first class modern house, which cost about \$2,500, shelters the happy pastor.

The financial reports will, I fear, give evidence of the stringency of the times and of the *stingency* of the people. Not all of the estimated salaries will be paid in full; nor will all of the apportionments for benevolences be met. The shrinkage will be chiefly on the weaker charges; the burdens will fall most heavily on the brethren whose claims for support were the smallest. Not all of our people are thoroughly loyal to their pastor and to the church; not all contribute according to their ability, and as the Lord prospers them, to the support of the church and its several benevolences. But I bear testimony to the fidelity of my brethren in presenting and urging these claims; though possibly one honest word of criticism may be not uncharitably uttered, namely; that the collections are unduly delayed until late in the year. Then the benevolences are in the way of the stewards, or the stewards in the way of the collections.

"One woe doth tread upon another's heel,
So fast they follow."

An interesting and promising home mission field is presented among the Bohemians within the bounds of the Riverside and Kalona circuits. Bro. J. R. Payne secured the services of the Rev. R. M. De-

Castello, pastor of the First Bohemian Church, Cedar Rapids, for three Sabbaths among these people at Riverside and at Richmond. Good congregations were gathered and much interest was manifested. Bro Castello writes that he knows of no more promising field for work than among the Bohemians of that region, and is confident that if preaching can be maintained there for a time a good church can be gathered. Two hundred dollars would suffice to give them such service for a year; and it is to be hoped that some means may be devised for carrying out this much needed and promising work.

The district camp meeting, held August 10 to 20, was a season of great spiritual profit to those in attendance. A delightful harmony prevailed; no jarring note was heard from first to last; a deep, strong tender, gracious sense of the Divine presence was realized throughout the meeting. The attendance was good; the preaching by the brethren of the district was direct and helpful; the devoted labor of the members of the Epworth League especially was highly efficient. Yet I concur in the opinion of my honored predecessor, in regarding a permanent camp ground as of doubtful utility; the tendency is strongly toward an outgoing season for rest and recuperation, rather than to the old time season of religious aggression and direct effort for soul saving.

I gratefully acknowledge the uniform kindness with which I have been received by preachers and people. Their loyal and sympathetic co-operation has lightened many labors and cheered many weary hours. I have missed but one appointment during the year; have had but one Sabbath's rest, when a brother kindly volunteered to relieve me from the exacting strain to which I was then subject; have preached 184 times; met all of the first and fourth quarterly conferences, and a majority of the second and third, and close the year with love to my brethren, peace with God, and loyal devotion to the Church of Jesus Christ.

J. C. W. COXE.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—T. B. HUGHES, P. E.

In submitting my last report of the Oskaloosa district, I desire to express my gratitude to God that he has preserved my life, and also given me such constant health, that I have been able to attend a quarterly meeting every Sabbath during the whole six years. I am also grateful to the preachers who have given me all the assistance they could in holding quarterly meetings, and have also looked after my comfort in every way possible.

Early in the year C. E. Corkhill, the pastor of Lacey circuit, was compelled, because of serious personal illness, to give up his charge. He had been most cordially received, and had already won his way to the hearts of the people, and therefore they deeply regretted to give him up. We changed G. W. Barber from Taintor to Lacey, and Alexander McBlain from Oskaloosa circuit to Taintor, and J. W. Wilson

supplied Oskaloosa circuit acceptably the remaining part of the year. Bro: John Potter, who was serving Ewart circuit, found that he was physically unable to do the work, and therefore, after serving the charge acceptably for six months, he gave it up, and we secured D. F. Stiles to supply his place and he gave good satisfaction.

We have had widespread financial depression, which rendered it exceedingly difficult to obtain money for repairing and building churches. However through the energy of pastors and people, we are glad to be able to report that considerable has been done in the erection of new churches, and also in making much needed repairs in others. The church that was purchased by Sister Shaw, and presented to the trustees of M. E. church in Taintor, was dedicated by the writer, on which occasion we raised enough money to purchase an organ, and carpet the church, and to make some other much needed improvements. On the Barnes City circuit, H. E. Colby has been in labors abundant, and has been successful in a marked degree. He raised money enough to pay off four hundred dollars indebtedness on the Bethel Grove church, and obtained a clear receipt of all claims against the building. At Barnes City, on the same charge, a new and beautiful frame church was built, and dedicated by Dr. Stafford, assisted by J. W. Lambert and the writer, with a sufficient amount subscribed to pay the \$1,200, which was about the aggregate cost of the building. At Spring Valley, on the same charge, a new frame church was erected, and dedicated by the writer, assisted by C. H. Westfall, and a sufficient amount subscribed to pay the entire cost of the building. At Newton they found that their church was not large enough to accommodate their Sabbath school and congregations, and hence they are enlarging the building, and these repairs will cost about four thousand dollars when completed, nearly all of which has been subscribed. The church and parsonage at New Sharon have been repaired at an expense of two hundred and fifty dollars. An old debt on the parsonage at Rose Hill has been raised, amounting to about two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Granville church, on the Taintor charge, has been repaired at a cost of \$105.00. Three churches and the parsonage, on the Sonora charge, have been repaired and greatly improved in attractiveness and comfort, through the untiring energy of W. S. Kight, the pastor. The aggregate expense of these improvements will be \$275. The new and commodious stone church at Grinnell was dedicated April 26th by Dr. Ives, of New York. Fifteen thousand dollars was raised at the dedication, which, added to the previous subscription, made an aggregate amount of \$26,000, and was sufficient to pay the entire cost of the building if they are successful in collecting the amount pledged. The pastor and people may be congratulated upon the completion of this beautiful and substantial edifice.

The new stone church at Oskaloosa is being rapidly pushed to completion and will be ready for dedication some time in October. This building will be exceedingly attractive, commodious and substantial,

and when completed will cost about \$35,000.00. The energy manifested by Rev. Morris Bamford and his people in this new and much needed enterprise is indeed commendable.

At this time I can not speak definitely with regard to the benevolences. The pastors have made a commendable effort, but we fear the final reports will show that there has been some decrease in the collections as compared with last year. Some time previous to debt-paying day, we sent to each pastor a printed postal card, urging them to make a special effort to secure a liberal contribution for missions, but the results were not all we could have hoped for in view of the indebtedness of the Missionary Society.

Quarterly Conference reports from pastors and superintendents of Sabbath schools indicate that the schools are doing excellent work, and in the majority of them our own literature is being used.

The pastors' salaries will be paid in most of the charges of the district, but in too many cases I fear the reports will show deficiencies. Our people are not as deeply impressed with a sense of their obligation to God and the church as they should be, but I believe there is some advancement in Christian liberality, but it is in too many cases painfully slow.

The Epworth Leagues in the various charges in the district have been increasing in numbers and efficiency. The fears that were once entertained by some of the older members of the church, that the League would re-create an impassible gulf between those advanced in years and the young people, have measurably passed away. In some places the receptions given by the Leagues to the aged and infirm church members have been attended by good and far-reaching results. The circulation of the "Epworth Herald" has made the young people more aggressive, efficient and steady in their religious lives. The work done by the mercy and help department in these times of financial depression has been both commendable and beneficial.

While I fear that the most of the charges are below that which is possible in spirituality and usefulness, yet we have had in many places remarkable convictions, and genuine conversions and valuable accessions to the church. The number of conversions in the district during the year will be, as nearly as we can ascertain, 1,200.

The most extensive revival was in Newton, where C. V. Cowan, being his own evangelist, had 265 conversions. This remarkable work of grace rendered it necessary and possible to enlarge their church. In many of the charges there were conversions and reclamations and accessions, of which we will not now speak definitely. The pastors have labored faithfully and their record is on high.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—D. C. SMITH, P. E.

This third annual report of Ottumwa District is presented with a profound sense of the imperfection of the work done; yet with lively gratitude to Almighty God that we have been able to accomplish some-

thing that is visible. The pastors were all early in their fields of labor and the membership generally manifested a desire to co-operate in every good work. Sickness hindered the pastors in a few instances, in the case of Bro. J. C. Caughlan quite seriously, he having been disabled from preaching for over four months of the year. Death entered the home of our beloved Bro. J. B. Hill, now on the superannuated list, and took his faithful and devoted wife, one whose smile and Christian spirit was always a benediction to others.

I think, perhaps, more than an average number of the faithful membership of the church, were translated through death during the year. The financial conditions that have prevailed throughout the country have also oppressed us in this district and have made the labors of our self-denying stewards very exacting, but in most cases their pluck and devotion have prevailed and have prevented any backward step. In some instances church debts have been paid, the most conspicuous of these being a debt of \$1,600 on the Brighton church. Through the determined and persistent effort of the pastor and his helpers this amount was paid down in cash and the mortgage cancelled about the first of July. A considerable claim held by the city of Ottumwa against the Main Street Church for street paving in front of the property was lifted by the faithful pastor and his people. The usual amount of repairing of parsonages and churches has been accomplished. The parsonage in Sigourney was rebuilt at a cost of about \$700, making it very comfortable. At Packwood a new parsonage of eight rooms with cellar, closets, etc., in good form, was built at a cost of about \$1,300. About \$1,000 of that amount is provided for. At Hedrick a property which was under mortgage was bought by the trustees for parsonage at a cost of \$750, which was considered by the purchasers as a good bargain. This property is not yet paid for, but we expect it will be paid as fast as the payments become due. We still have several charges that are greatly in need of a home for the pastor.

The Knoxville church, the building in which we are now assembled, was completed according to the plan and cost indicated in our last annual report, and dedicated by the venerable Bishop Thomas Bowman, assisted by others, on the 12th day of April last.

At Moravia a new church building was begun in May last and is now well on to completion. This is a frame church, with audience room, chapel and two class rooms, and will seat comfortably about 500 persons. It is modeled after the church at Brighton, with some improvements, and is some larger. Splendid business management is bringing the cost of this church to but little over \$4,000. The next district conference is to meet in this building.

We have tried hard to influence the charges to make some advance in the benevolent contributions but are gratified only in a few instances. It must be said in extenuation that unusual demands have been made on our people for private help.

There have been fewer conversions reported in the district than last year, but we have reason to believe that solid progress in the spiritual life of the membership has been made.

The Epworth League chapters are doing good work, but are making no marked advancement. We earnestly recommend greater effort for the revival of thorough efficiency in all departments of the chapters.

Many of our congregations are unprovided with our church hymnals, and are suffering loss by the use of songs and books from which a pure and healthful gospel is eliminated. We call attention to the timely opportunity we now have for supplying these congregations with the hymnal, at very small cost by purchasing the special edition now coming from our church press

In order to conserve time and strength we made out at the beginning of the year the time of all quarterly meetings and the district conferences, sending to each pastor a printed list. In the providence of God I have been able to meet all these appointments on time, save those covering two weeks, in which we were disabled by illness. But those appointments suffered no loss, for the reason that able pastors generously filled the gap.

The Lord has graciously spared the lives and health of all our beloved brethren and fathers who are on the superannuated list in this district. I am glad to say they are men whose presence and influence are a blessing in the church and community.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, the Auditing Committee, report as follows:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—RECEIPTS.

Iowa District—

1. Missionary Apportionment.....	\$500.00
2. Contingent Fund.....	100.00
3. Frontier.....	25.00
Total	\$625.00
(a) Expended.....	\$625.00

CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

1. Conference Secretary.....	\$ 9.50
2. Conference Treasurer.....	2.66
3. Statistical Secretary.....	3.00
Total	\$15.16
Amount due.....	\$15.16

W. N. HALL.

H. A. INGHAM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SOCIETY.

We, your committee, regard the American Bible Society as one of the greatest missionary agencies in our country, also in the world. We hail with gratitude and delight the rapid growth and progress of its work, yet we regret to learn from its last report that its receipts for the last year for missionary purposes from churches, individuals and auxiliaries were \$5,484.54 last year, less than they were twenty years ago; while the expenditures in foreign fields twenty years ago were only \$81,118.17, and by last year it had grown to \$202,270.47, thus making the expenditures of the society \$95,138.79 more than its receipts for the year. Yet, notwithstanding the depression, more bibles have been sent out this year than in any other year of its history, and are being circulated in more than 300 different dialects and languages. We especially commend the agents of the society for meeting the large crowd of immigrants at the great eastern gate of the nation and placing so many bibles in their hands.

Therefore, in view of the noble record of this society in the past and its present financial need,

Resolved, That we will welcome its agents to our pulpits to present its claims and take up a collection for its support.

~ BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Methodist Book Concern is the largest publishing house in America, the greatest religious publishing house in the world. This year it declares a dividend to the worn-out preachers, their widows and orphans, of \$125,000.

Church loyalty and business prudence demand:

That we make it our publishing and purchasing agent. It will meet any and all prices of other houses, and that promptly.

That we push the sale of the Special Edition of the Hymnal, at 30c per copy, thus giving a final argument to cheap songs and song books.

That we urge on the canvass for the Epworth Herald, at club and premium prices, especially the Herald and the Bible at \$2.00.

That we cherish and support our Northwestern and Central Advocates as against all cheap substitutes of self-constituted concerns.

That we pay up our accounts in full and as far as possible send in cash with our orders.

JOHN HANKS,
J. A. SINCLAIR,
C. W. EVANS,
W. B. IRELAND,
W. P. STODDARD.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

1st. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension and the Church at large on the remarkable success of the work through a period of thirty years.

2d. That our country being new, with rapidly-increasing population and unlimited resources will continue to need church extension.

3d. That we as a Conference will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the general committee for our share in church extension, until everywhere in communities now destitute the people shall have opportunity to "Enter His courts with praise."

4th. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion with care the full amount asked for church extension to the several districts and pastoral charges for collection, and availing ourselves of the helps provided by this board, especially "Christianity in Earnest" and "Glad Tidings," will present this cause in all our churches and endeavor to secure at least the amount asked, in accordance with our discipline.

D. C. BEVEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' SUPPORT.

Your committee who were appointed to formulate a plan for the better support of our conference claimants, report: That while they see the necessity of such action, at present they are not ready to report

anything aside from the action of the late General Conference on the subject, and urge the conference as soon as practicable to carry out the disciplinary provision there adopted.

We recommend that Rev. C. W. Shepherd be continued in his present relation and an amount not exceeding \$400 be provided for his support, said amount not to be taken from the regular conference claimants' collections.

E. L. SCHREINER.

U. B. SMITH.

G. M. TUTTLE.

DEACONESSSES.

Your committee would report as follows: That the deaconesses' work is being blessed of God for great good; that we fully appreciate the excellent work of our consecrated women, therefore we can but urge upon all the pastors of the conference to consider the great need of this order and aid them by our sympathy and means and call the attention of all our consecrated women to the advantages of the deaconesses' training schools.

In the absence of any conference board of deaconesses, your committee recommends Miss Sophia Hubert, of Keokuk, for recognition of her consecration at Colorado Springs, Colo., and the renewal of her license.

In accord with the provision of the last general conference, we would nominate a board of nine persons, whose term shall expire in one, two and three years, as follows:

Class 1—Mrs. Dr. Murphy, I. B. Schreckengast, A. V. Kendrick.

Class 2—Mrs. M. Simpson, C. F. Williams, R. L. Patterson.

Class 3—Mrs. Judge Woolson, J. E. Newsome, W. F. Mair.

R. L. PATTERSON, President.

W. S. KIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

We, your committee on Episcopal fund, would report as follows: We have seen the delinquents personally, and have received the following amounts:

G. L. Minear, Salina Circuit.....	\$ 1.50
J. C. Kendrick, Muscatine Circuit.....	.80
W. F. Hughes, Webster Circuit.....	6.50
C. W. Evans, Drakeville Circuit	2.00
A. M. Mahaffie, West Point Circuit	2.00
Total additional paid	\$12.80

STILL DELINQUENT.

E. S. Daly, Burlington Circuit.....	\$ 1.00
Renix Weese, Bentonsport Circuit.....	6.30

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We, your committee on Epworth League, present the following report: We rejoice in the steady increase in the numbers and efficiency of the Epworth hosts. We note with satisfaction the firm stand taken by the members, as indicated by the resolutions adopted at its various conventions on the subjects of civic reform, temperance and questionable amusements. We caution against overweening pride in numerical success and counsel more earnest consecration to God, unswerving loyalty to the Church, her services, her doctrines, her ordinances and her benevolences. We believe the methods of departmental work to be disciplinary in essence and that they are educative of efficiency for responsible positions in the church, and therefore urge each Chapter to adopt the full organization of departments as set forth in the general constitution. We urge the perusal of the Epworth League reading course upon all Leagues. We consider the pledge as in harmony with the spirit of Christianity and nothing more than should be expected of persons pledging allegiance to Christ or than is actually required for membership in His church, and therefore urge its adoption by all Chapters.

We reaffirm our belief that the Epworth Herald should be the one organ of the Epworth League, and recommend it to all Epworth Leaguers.

We rejoice in the work of the Iowa Epworth League Summer Assembly and Training School at Storm Lake, and the Epworth rally at Clear Lake. We declare ourselves in favor of the assembly idea in our state work, offering as it does the largest opportunity for training in methods of Epworth League work. We recommend that the constitution of the State League be so changed as to place the management of the assembly and state convention work in the hands of an Epworth League commission, consisting of thirteen persons, who shall be elected as follows: A state president, elected by ballot in the state convention, one member elected by each of the four annual conferences in its annual session, and two members elected by each conference in caucus at the state convention.

J. W. LEWIS, Chairman.

F. C. DEMOREST, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

We believe Methodism must continually give to all its youth, so far as possible, a higher education, and must raise up and educate its own ministry. We regard the success of the Iowa Conference and of the Iowa Wesleyan University to be mutually dependent, the University being on the one hand the beloved child of the conference, on the other the natural educational mother of the Iowa conference ministry. We believe the time has come when the attention of all the people of the conference should be more specially directed to this institution.

We consider the success of the University assured in proportion as it really lives in the hearts, prayers and sacrifices of the ministry and of the laity of the Iowa conference ; as its tone accords with the Methodism which it represents ; as it furnishes the scholastic advantages required by the times ; as its financial and general management holds the confidence of all its constituents ; and as our presiding elders, pastors and membership turn toward this institution, so far as possible, all the young men and women who are seeking a higher education, as well as all the financial support.

To these ends we heartily assist the management in placing the institution in the hearts, prayers and benevolences of all the people of the conference. We welcome any worthy financiering which will release it from all its present financial embarrassments and enlarge its material possibilities. We respectfully urge that, so far as possible, all the people of the conference be kept continually informed of the last items of the condition of the institution. We unreservedly insist that the present indebtedness be provided for before other indebtedness be incurred. We heartily uphold the management in their strict enforcement of Methodist principles in administrative discipline. We approve of changes made in the several courses of study to adapt them to the needs of the times.

We believe present emergencies make it imperative to appoint a financial agent for the University so soon as the suitable man can be found, who shall have entire charge of collections and subscriptions and shall travel throughout the bounds of the conference, inspiring love and gifts for the institution.

We regret that the board found it necessary to make any reduction in the salaries of some of the professors, and we regard the acceptance of such reduction on the part of the professors as indicating a spirit of Christian sacrifice worthy of imitation by all our ministers and people.

We greatly regret that the indebtedness of the University is at present about \$30,000, which has accrued through the enterprises of building and overdrafts on the endowment fund for current expenses. We trust this amount may be soon provided for.

We rejoice in the successes of the University the past year, and appreciate the untiring labors of the faculty and of the board of trustees. A department of Technology has been added, increasing facilities for laboratory work in the sciences. The building for this department has been erected at a cost of about \$2,000, which has been provided for by the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, and through the munificence of the Haw Bros., Ottumwa, Iowa, it has been equipped with tools and machinery to the amount of \$1,500. The literary society halls have been refurnished and beautified at a cost of over \$700, which has been provided for. The faculty and students have devoutly labored together for the conversion and Christian growth of all enrolled—ninety-five per cent of the students being Christian.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

(REPORT NO. 2.)

We gratefully recognize the liberal assistance given by the Board of Education to students belonging within the bounds of our conference, and we assure the board that the Iowa Conference will be glad to do whatever it can to increase the amount of its contributions to this worthy cause.

With great pleasure we recognize the equipment and efficiencies of the Garrett Biblical Institute and of the Boston Theological School, and we heartily recommend them to such of our young ministers as are seeking a theological training.

We again express our grateful appreciation of the American University movement in Washington, D. C., and will co-operate so far as possible to insure its success.

We again recognize with thankfulness the work being done by the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md., in developing the highest type of true Christian womanhood. We most sincerely commend it to the confidence of those of our people who propose sending their daughters to a school exclusively for women.

Resolved, That the pastors of this conference be instructed to take the collection in full for the Iowa Wesleyan University and forward the same to the treasurer of the board of trustees prior to January 1st, 1897.

Resolved, 2d, That where any pastor fails or is indifferent to this request that his presiding elder be instructed to do his utmost to carry out this instruction.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your committee on District Conference Records report having attended to the work assigned them and find the records of the several district conferences properly kept.

S. F. BISHOP, Chairman.

R. BREEDEN, Secretary.

KEOKUK DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEMORIAL.

Resolved, That this District Conference request the Secretary to furnish to the publishing agent for publication in our conference minutes, a full program of the various meetings and annual anniversaries held by our Annual Conference.

T. J. MYERS, President.

E. HANDY, Secretary.

INSURANCE.

Iowa Methodist Mutual Church and Parsonage Insurance Company.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Iowa joint commission of four Iowa annual conferences on the subject of church and parsonage insurance, would submit the following:

WHEREAS, There appears to be a growing feeling in some quarters that a necessity exists for some such action as that indicated, and, whereas, the plan formulated by the commission may not be such as in every instance meets our approval, still it may be the best that can be devised at the present time, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we approve the action of the commission, and would recommend our pastors and churches to as speedily as possible co-operate in the movement.

Resolved, 2d. In case this report be adopted we recommend as the directors called for in the report: C. L. Stafford, for three years; J. C. W. Coxe, for two years, and C. P. Axtell for one year.

C. S. COOPER, President.

E. C. BROOKS, Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Iowa Conference:

The secretary of your board of trustees hereby presents the forty-second annual report of the condition of your Iowa Wesleyan University:

The last catalogue shows a total enrollment for the scholastic year ending June, 1896, as follows: Whole number 340, being a decrease of 63; 89 of these were in the regular college classes and 32 irregular, 116 in the various special departments and 103 in the preparatory department. There is a loss from the former year of 55 to the collegiate department. Fifteen young men and women graduated, raising the alumni to 502.

The treasurer's report will show a total endowment of \$69,807.85. Of this \$5,000 is known as the "Power fund," on which we pay 5 per cent annuity. The endowment is loaned on good security, mostly on real estate in Henry county at an average of about 6½ per cent.

The total income from all sources for the year was \$8,433.67, of which \$3,460 was from tuition, \$1,175.25 conference collections.

The total expense for the year was \$10,413.47, of which amount \$441.33 was paid on bills of the former year, leaving a deficit for the year of \$1,934.30. Deducting the amount paid on former indebtedness, there is a deficit of \$1,492.41 for the year 1895-6.

The total indebtedness of the school is about \$30,000. By authority of the trustees, the executive committee borrowed \$15,000 during the summer at 6¼ per cent and paid that amount, which had been drawing a higher rate.

The faculty is arranged for the incoming year with salaries as follows: President, C. L. Stafford, \$1,800; Professor Mathematics, C. M. Grumbling, \$1,000; Greek, F. W. Adams, \$900; Latin, F. C. Demorest, \$800; Natural Science and Industrial Department, W. H. Mahaffie, \$1,000; History and Preceptress, Mrs. Julia B. McKibben, \$600; Litera-

ture and Oratory, Wm. Korm, \$800. Prof. Rommel continues at the head of the conservatory of music; Miss Fanette O'Kell, painting and drawing; and Capt. Hodges, U. S. A., in charge of the military department, but these do not depend on the trustees for any part of salaries.

A frame building covered with iron, about 40x100, and costing \$1,500, has been erected in the rear of the old college, to house the industrial department. This will start out with a fair equipment of tools donated by the Haw Bros., of Ottumwa. The stone and sand are on the ground for the foundation of the Elizabeth Hersha hall, awaiting orders to go into the walls.

The terms of the following trustees expire with the date of this conference, viz.: W. G. Wilson, A. V. Kendrick, W. G. Thorn, J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Hackworth and D. H. Payne. The last named is recommended by the alumnal association for re-election.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CORLEY,

Secretary Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, We recognize that illiteracy is a constant menace to our civil and religious liberty, and whereas, the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is doing a noble and heroic work among both our white and colored populations of the Southern states, who but for the aid brought to them by this society would be left wholly without means of securing a Christian education, preparing them for intelligent citizenship, therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge this society our hearty support, and that we will do all in our power to secure our full apportionment the coming year and that we request our pastors to secure and use the literature furnished by the society.

A. S. LOVEALL,
Secretary.

C. S. COOPER,
Chairman.

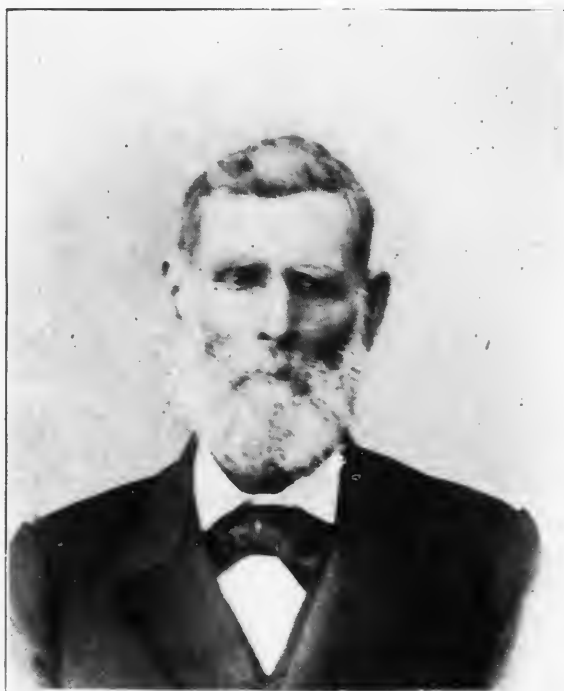
Memoirs.

REV. WM. POSTEN.

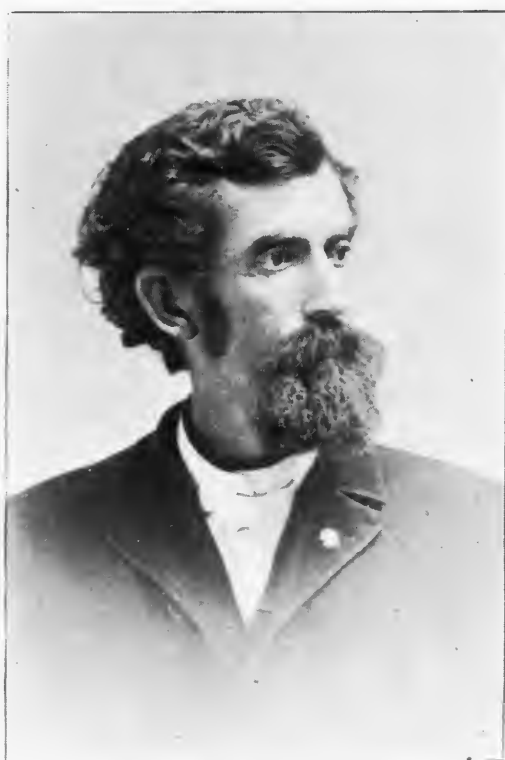
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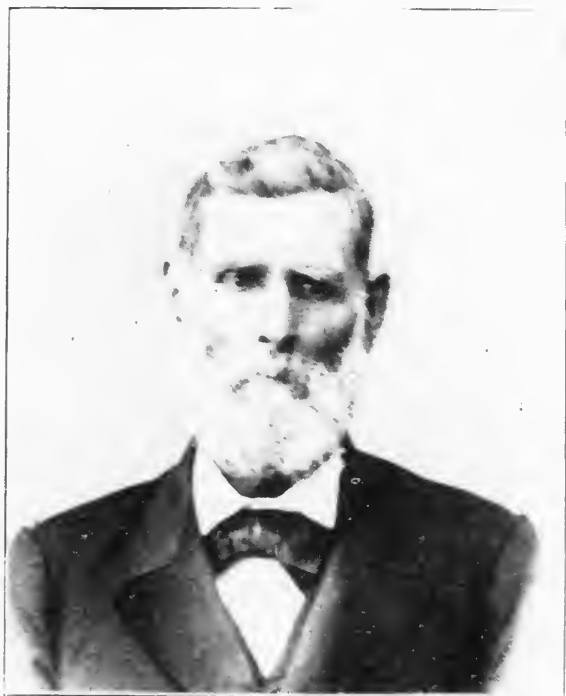
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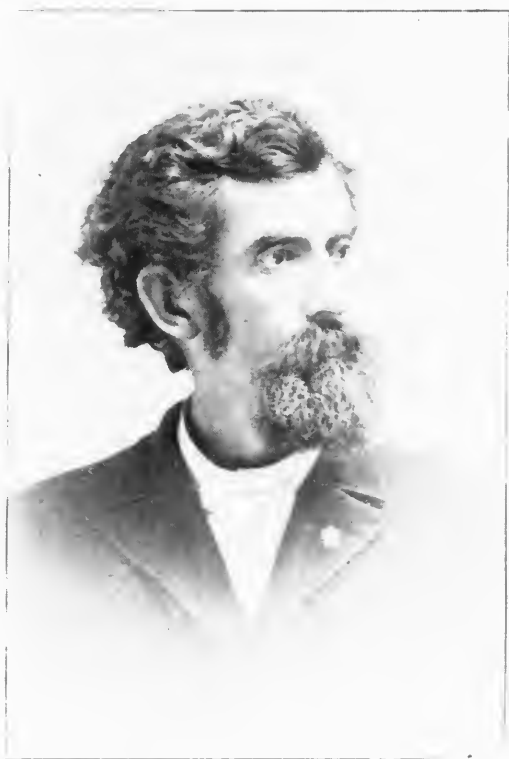
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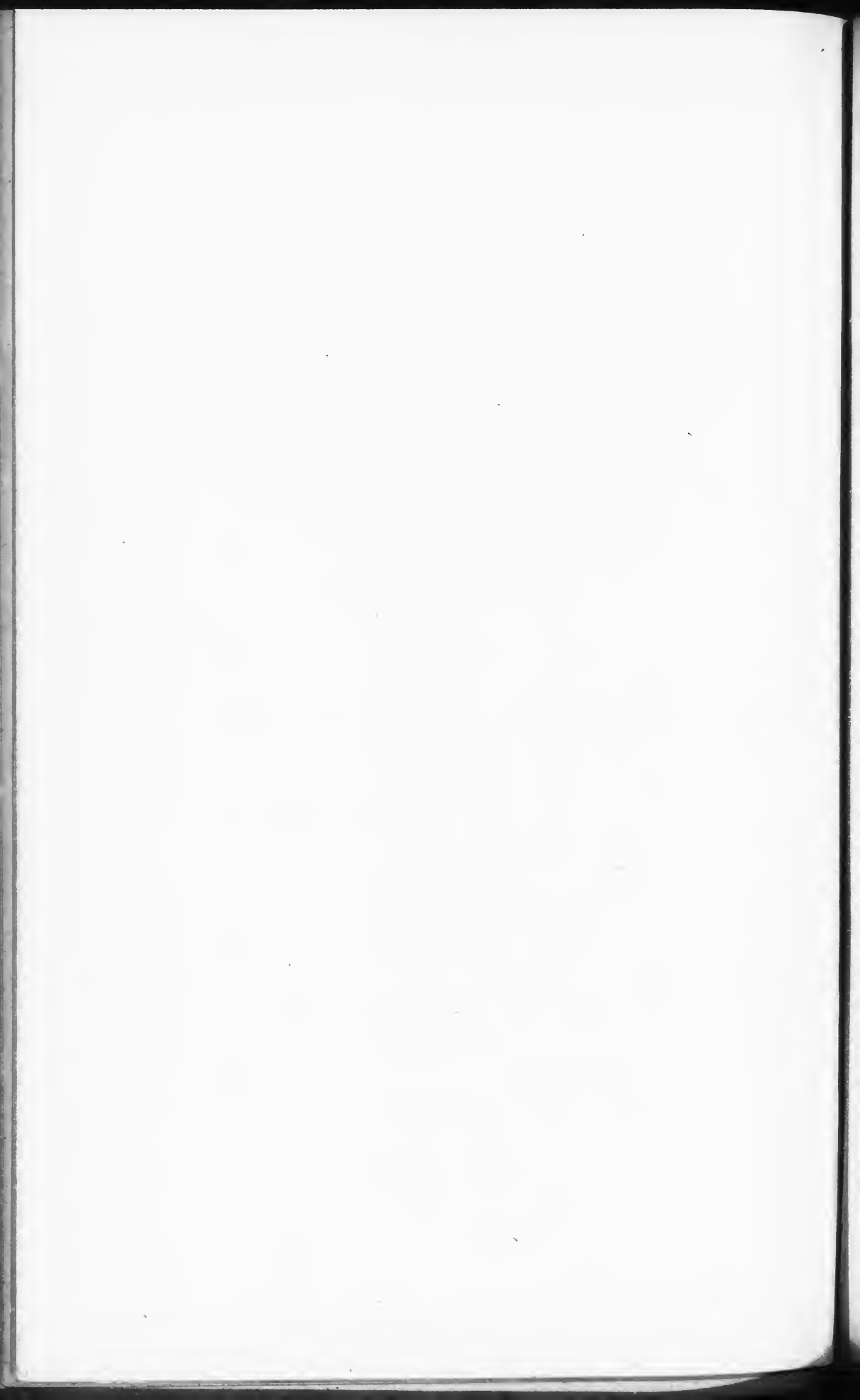
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In the last days of his sickness, while confined to his bed, he would often speak of ministers with whom he had associated in the past, and who had gone to "the home of their rest," and of the good work that was still being done by the brethren who were still "at their post." He would frequently exhort his family to faithfulness in the work of the Lord and enforce his exhortations by quotations of scripture. Just before he died he said "my spirit is going home," and the look of pain passed away and the light of peace glowed upon his face, and he passed out from under the cloud of this earthly mortal life into the light and glory of the world above.

His devoted wife, who shared with him the labors and sacrifices of the itineracy, and who by her sympathy and earnest efforts contributed much to his success, and three children, who were very dear to him and who fondly and tenderly loved him, are left to fill the mission, whatever it may be, to which Infinite Wisdom and Love may have appointed them. It is the earnest prayer of the writer that they may faithfully follow in the footsteps of the husband and father, who after an earnest Christian life has gone home to his reward.

F. W. EVANS.

REV. J. F. ROBERTSON.

Rev. James F. Robertson was born near Birmingham, Iowa, July 23, 1851, and died of pulmonary consumption in Muscatine, Iowa, July 24, 1896. Brother Robertson came from good Methodist stock. His great-grandfather, Nathan Robertson, was according to Steven's *History of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, the first Methodist in the state of Indiana, and built the first Methodist Church that was erected in that state. This church, which was called Bethel, stood on a farm about two miles from Charleston, in Clark county. It was made of hewed logs, and in 1867 was still standing in a good state of preservation, though not used for a place of worship. His father, the late John D. Robertson, came to Iowa in an early day, and was one of the chief promoters of Methodism in the neighborhood where he resided. There was erected on his farm in Van Buren county a church which was also called Bethel.

Brother Robertson was converted when eleven years of age, but failing to walk in the light he wandered in the wilderness for a season. In the winter of 1874 he was reclaimed, and from thence to the close of life the joy of religion and hope of heaven departed not again. On August 9, 1877, he married Miss Victoria Gilbert, who, with six children, three boys and three girls mourns his departure. He was educated at the Birmingham Academy and Iowa Wesleyan University, and entered the Iowa Conference at the session of 1877, which convened at Fairfield, Bishop Ames presiding. He served the following charges in the order named: Montrose, 1 year; Moulton, 3 years; Selma, 2 years; Milton, 3 years; Bloomfield, 5 years; Muscatine, First Church, 5 years.

In the character of Brother Robertson there were blended the qualities which go to make the successful Methodist preacher. He walked circumspectly, redeeming the time, and gave no offense in anything. He approved himself as a minister of God in much patience, in afflictions, in labors; by pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness. He was unassuming and was disposed to be retiring in his disposition, and always gave respectful attention to the opinions of others; but, at the same time, he was a man of deep and abiding convictions, and in the defense of what he believed to be right he was bold and uncompromising. A discriminating newspaper man, who was a member of his congregation, said of him: "With a modesty becoming the clergyman in public life, he manifested a deep interest in political affairs as they affected the welfare of the commonwealth and of the nation. His course in such matters showed that he belonged to those noble natures who

"Never sold the right to serve the hour,
Or paltered with eternal power.

"His opinions were clear and outspoken. He possessed the capacity for calm deliberation, which is the vestibule of all wisdom, the source of all excellence."

The pulpit, however, was the throne of his power. He felt that God had called him to preach the gospel, and with this abiding conviction he had a quenchless desire to so preach the word as to feed the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made him pastor. He studied to be approved of God, a workman who need not to be ashamed. And while he was not brilliant in the pulpit, and did not attempt to practice the arts of oratory, he did excel as a preacher. His sermons were carefully prepared, pleasingly delivered and uniformly effective. He had much to live for and he desired to live, but was ready to die. He made a brave fight for life, but the march of his disease to its fatal termination was irresistible. And when it became apparent that recovery was impossible, he looked out upon the dissolving hopes and plans of life with the composure and triumph of true Christian faith. "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

J. C. KENDRICK.

MRS. REV. J. B. HILL.

Mary Jane, daughter of Wm. D. and Elizabeth Cottle, was born in Summerville, Nicholas county, West Virginia, June 8, 1829, and died near Agency City, Iowa, March 3, 1896, of apoplexy. She married Rev. J. B. Hill, now a member of the Iowa Conference, Sept. 20, 1848, with whom she has passed through the varied experiences of the itinerancy during a period of nearly forty-five years. She united with the church when about twelve years of age, and was brought into the conscious experience of salvation about one year later in a class meeting. Ever since that time she has lived an earnest Christian life, ever seeking to

know and to do the Master's will. She passed through a severe struggle before she obtained her own consent to undertake the responsibilities of an itinerant life, but having once made the decision she never faltered in her course, and was always a true and faithful helper in the Master's work. Mrs. Hill was the mother of eleven children, three of whom died in infancy, eight lived to mature life, and were present when she passed away. Her children possessed in her the inestimable blessings and wealth of a mother's love. She was permitted to realize an often expressed wish to live to see all her children grown to mature years. But the supreme desire of her life was that her children might all be Christians, and meet her in heaven. She carried the welfare of her family on her heart during all the years of her maternal life. It was her custom from an early period in her married life, in the absence of her husband, which occurred frequently, to gather her family about her around the family altar and there commend them to the tender care of Him who careth for all His children, esteeming this not only a privilege, but of the highest importance in the maintenance of her Christian home. Mrs. Hill was permitted, on the last Sabbath of her earth life, to be present at divine services in the sanctuary, and to attend the funeral of a near friend and neighbor. On her return home late in the afternoon, seemingly in better health than for several weeks preceding she was taken suddenly very sick, and in less than one hour she became unconscious, remaining in this condition for about fifty hours, when "the weary wheels of life stood still," and she was not far—God had taken her.

W. E. PATTERSON.

MRS. REV. L. D. JOHNSON.

Alice T. Johnson, wife of Rev. L. D. Johnson, was born at Weare, New Hampshire, January 21, 1852, and died in Muscatine, Iowa, February 25, 1896. Her maiden name was Thorndike. She was married to L. D. Johnson, April 2, 1878, and became the mother of eight children, seven of whom survive. Sister Johnson was a woman of rare talent, and notwithstanding her family cares, was a close student. For four years she was employed by the government as a teacher among the Indians. She was an untiring student of history, and carefully marked the movements among the nations, noting how they figured in the fulfillment of divine prophecy. She also gave much time to the study of the languages, especially the German. She became a Christian in childhood and lived an exemplary life. She was plain and simple in her tastes, and in her disposition was cordial, cheerful, patient, unselfish and Christlike. In her sickness she fully realized her condition, and talked of her departure with that composure and blissful anticipation which refining grace only can impart. When the end was nigh she said to her husband, "I am unspeakably happy."

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MRS. LUCAS C. WOODFORD.

Maria Howell, widow of the Rev. Lucas C. Woodford, was born in Ulster county, New York, January 10, 1816, and died of pneumonia in the city of Davenport, Iowa, October 27, 1895, aged 79 years.

She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of eighteen. She was married to Lucas C. Woodford, on February 10, 1836, in Spencer, New York. Her husband united with the Oneida Conference in 1840, and for four years preached in the bounds of that conference. He came to Iowa in 1844, the year the Iowa Conference was formed, and was transferred to this conference that fall, and served the following charges: Cascade, Mount Vernon, Tipton, Grand View, Crawfordsville and Richmond. Mr. Woodford died eleven years ago. During the years of his active itinerancy, Sister Woodford was a great help to her husband, laboring with him for the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom in the then new state of Iowa.

During these early days, in the privations that were the lot of the Methodist itinerant, living oftentimes in cold and uncomfortable houses, Sister Woodford contracted rheumatism, and for thirty-six years has suffered beyond power of expression; for thirty-one years she was not able to walk a step, but was lifted many times a day from her bed to the chair, and back again to the bed. While not a day passed without pain, yet she was always bright and cheerful; patient and hopeful, exemplifying in her life the principles of the Master she loved so well, and proving the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

While Mrs. Woodford suffered intensely and constantly, yet her mental faculties were retained until the last. She was greatly interested in the Redeemer's kingdom, rejoiced in the prosperity of the church at large, and especially of the church of which she was a member. Until quite recently she was occasionally carried to the church to attend service. The last time she was there was in August, when her son, who is a local preacher, delivered the sermon. This service was a most precious one to her, and several times during her last sickness she referred to it with evident pleasure. During the past twenty-four years she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Daly. During these long years she received the best of care, and was the light of the home, all in the household loving, respecting the devoted woman of God, whose daily experience of saving grace, in the midst of constant suffering, was a perpetual sermon on the power of the gospel to save.

The deceased leaves two children, Mrs. C. G. Daly, of Davenport, and Rev. Norman W. Woodford, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Decatur, Ill.; and besides these, also an adopted daughter in Lawrence, Kansas, and a brother in New York.

The funeral services were held in the Fourteenth Street Methodist Episcopal church, Davenport, Iowa, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. S. Craft, assisted by the presiding elder, Rev. E. L. Miller, D. D. The remains were laid to rest beside those of her beloved husband in Oakdale cemetery.

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MRS. REV. THOS. D. BOYLES.

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Memorial from the Keokuk District Conference, assembled at Cincinnati, Iowa, July, 1896, to the Iowa Annual Conference, Knoxville, Iowa, Sept. 10th.

Fathers and Brethren of the Iowa Conference:—

WHEREAS, All the benevolent enterprises of the church have a corresponding relative importance; and,

WHEREAS, The reporting of a part of them in open conference minimizes the importance of those not so reported;

Therefore, we memorialize your honorable body to adopt the following resolution:

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[Signed]

T. J. MYERS, Presiding Elder.

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FROM THE OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Your committee, to whom was referred the memorial from the Oskaloosa District Camp Meeting Association, submit the following report:

We recommend that the grounds of the Oskaloosa District Camp Meeting Association be sold and the proceeds be disposed of in accordance with the action of said association, and as prayed for in the memorial now before us; provided, always, that the parties to whom this property is to be conveyed shall satisfy the lease-holders of lots on said grounds.

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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your committee reports as follows:

WHEREAS, This society has so fully demonstrated its efficiency in that they are so successfully carrying the gospel to the women and children who live in darkness, and by it insure the future of these to Christianity in these lands in thus reaching the homes; and,

WHEREAS, They have thus prosecuted their work without the embarrassment of debt; and,

WHEREAS, In order to best prosecute their work they must have the hearty co-operation of pastors in all our charges in organizing auxiliaries and through them educating our women as to the needs of their work and their duty to it; we,

Therefore, warmly commend them for their past success and pledge them renewed co-operation in their great work.

W. B. MARSH, Secretary.

W. H. HEPPE, Chairman.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In gratitude to the Head of the church for the success that has crowned the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society,

Resolved, That we recommend the zealous and self-sacrificing labors of the godly women who compose the local societies in the bounds of this conference, and impress upon our pastors the importance of organizing branches of the society on their charges where it is not so represented.

J. E. WILKINS,

A. E. BURIFF.

PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

Report of the Publishing Agent of the Iowa Conference:

EXPENDITURES.

Publishing 2,500 copies	\$250.00
Distributing to pastors.....	60.00
Paid for cuts, postage and expressage	20.00
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RECEIPTS.

From sale of 2,000 copies.....	\$200.00
From sale of 480 copies.....	75.00
From advertising and cut.....	55.00
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Knoxville, Iowa, Sept. 11, 1896.

C. W. SHEPHERD,
Publishing Agent.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Lord's day, our Sunday, is to be a day of holy rest by Divine order. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That as servants of the Most High God, we stand for the day and for its sacred observance in worship and holy rest.

Resolved, That we plead against the Sunday excursion, Sunday newspaper, Sunday postoffice, Sunday athletics, base ball games, Sunday picnics, Sunday visiting and the improper use of the bicycle on the Lord's day.

Resolved, further, that we plead against Sunday railroad traveling by the ministry and Sunday shipping of stock by the laity.

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the object and operation of the American Sabbath Union and its state auxiliaries, its home Sabbath associations, the effort to rescue the Sabbath from widespread desecration, and, recognizing the special fitness of Rev. C. F. Williams for this work, we recommend that the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. C. F. Williams as state secretary of said association.

THOS. E. CORKHILL,
C. R. NORTON,
W. N. GROOME,
W. R. JEFFREY, JR.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance beg leave to report as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That we still recognize in the liquor traffic and intemperance great enemies of righteousness and of the church.

2d. That we will take no backward step in our opposition to the saloon or to the license system disguised as a mulct law, but that in all honorable ways shall endeavor to promote total abstinence and prohibition.

3d. That we favor the introduction and organization of the Anti-Saloon League, as recommended by the General Conference temperance committee, in all our charges, and in order to its effective introduction throughout the state, we recommend that the conference appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee from the other conferences in Iowa, at Des Moines, in order to perfect a state organization, which shall co-operate with other religious bodies so that the Church of God shall present a united front against the saloon.

4th. That we recommend that those having the arrangement of the program for the next annual conference provide for a temperance rally.

J. F. BARNETT, Chm.
E. J. PIKE.

WESLEY HOSPITAL.

Your special committee, appointed in the interest of Wesley Hospital, Chicago, Ill., respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We recognize the great necessity of some provision for the care of our sick and injured poor, and

WHEREAS, Wesley Hospital, an institution under the direction and control of the Methodist Episcopal church, is prepared to render the service desired, and

WHEREAS, Our conference at a former session voted to endow a bed in the Wesley Hospital, and to sustain it by the payment of \$300 a year until endowed, therefore,

Resolved, That we reaffirm and endorse the former action of the conference, and request all pastors to bring the matter before their people.

Resolved, That we also endorse the plan of the treasurer of the hospital for making collections through a dime collection book, and request him to furnish them to pastors, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to have them filled and returned to the hospital.

C. S. COOPER, Chairman.

D. C. BEVAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO.

Your committee on tobacco beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Tobacco is a well known narcotic and injurious to health, and,

WHEREAS, It is unbecoming for professing Christians to indulge in its use, or to use it as an article of merchandise; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That our ministers plainly set before their congregations the evil effects resulting from the use of tobacco, morally and physically.

2d. That strenuous efforts be made to save the boys of the Junior and Senior Leagues from contracting the habit.

3d. That as a conference we will give all possible support to the law enacted by the last session of the legislature against the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

4th. That we condemn the use of tobacco by Methodist preachers who have pledged themselves against its use, as unmanly and unministerial.

Respectfully submitted,

I. BORTS, President.

J. WESLEY POTTER, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

We rejoice in the increased interest in Sabbath schools, in their greater efficiency in disseminating gospel truth, and in their steady growth in members, reaching 30,259 schools, 34,227 officers and teachers and 2,586,178 scholars. That this great number of young people may be properly trained in the way of eternal life the greatest care should:

be exercised in selecting wise, spiritual officers and teachers. We suggest that normal classes for the better training of teachers be organized wherever practicable.

We urge upon our schools the use of the literature published by our publishing house.

We would call attention to the fact that the Sunday School Union aided during the past year more than 3,000 schools; that its only resource is from contributions from charges. We would ask all the charges to take collections for this cause. We would call attention to the Tract as an efficient evangelizing agency on account of inexpensiveness, its adaptation to almost every variety of need, of its convenience and ease in circulation, and its brevity. We are not forgetful that our Tract Society aids the cause of missions \$6,000 to \$7,000 each year, efficiently aiding in the circulation of books and periodicals in foreign languages. It is not complimentary to our conference that forty-five charges collected nothing for this cause last year. Five hundred and thirty-five dollars is a small sum to ask of this conference for next year. We recommend that this sum be apportioned by the presiding elders pro rata among the charges and that it be raised during the year.

T. F. BARKER,

J. R. PAYNE.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your committee on the state of the country would submit the following report:

The continual financial and business depression of the country has resulted in the enforced idleness of large numbers of the people. Enforced idleness naturally breeds discontent. The heat and excitement of a presidential campaign is upon us; passion and prejudice are appealed to, and discontent is intensified. The anchorage of the country is in the righteousness and patriotism of the Christian citizen. The responsibility of the church is very great. We earnestly counsel all our ministers to an absolute consecration of themselves to God and unqualified faithfulness in the proclamation and enforcement of the principles of the gospel, and all our people to an earnest cultivation of the graces of the Spirit, and a most conscientious and faithful exercise of the rights and privileges of citizenship.

We rejoice in the increasing favor with which the question of arbitration is considered as a means of adjusting international differences, as also internal disputes, and we look forward hopefully, not only to the time when wars between the nations shall be impossible, but when a common ground shall be found for the settlement of all the difficulties arising between capital and labor.

C. L. TENNANT, Secretary.

W. G. WILSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE CASE OF REV. C. W. WILSON.

Your committee, to whom was referred the case of Rev. C. W. Wilson, find that six of the specifications are sustained, but the specifications, as sustained, do not sustain the charges of immorality and dishonesty; but do find that said C. W. Wilson has been guilty of great imprudence and gross carelessness in his business transactions, thereby impairing his usefulness and injuring the church.

Therefore, Your committee recommend that he be reprovved by the Bishop in open conference and be required to adjust his indebtedness to the satisfaction of his creditors during this coming conference year, and if he so promises, we recommend that his character pass.

[Signed]

C. S. COOPER,
C. H. MONTGOMERY,
J. A. BOATMAN,
E. C. BROOKS,
J. G. BARTON,
J. W. FRAKER,
W. N. GROOME,
P. J. HENNESS,
A. W. HAINES.

Committee.

PERIODICAL ACCOUNTS.

We, your committee on Periodical Accounts, would report that there are a few accounts that have been carried from year to year and which ought by all means to be paid, and that we will expect these accounts to be adjusted within the coming year.

W. H. JONES,
W. E. PATTERSON,
W. M. ERSKINE.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 1. *What are the claims on the Conference funds?*

ANSWER. Of the effective preachers, nothing; of superannuates and widows, \$6,500.00.

QUESTION 2. *What sums have been received on these claims, and how have they been distributed?*

ANSWER 1. Received from collections, \$1,831; from chartered fund, \$22.00; from Book Concern, \$1,355.00; from Conference fund, \$28.00; total, \$3,236.00.

ANSWER 2. Distributed as follows:

TO SUPERANNUATES.

NAMES.	AMOUNT.	BY WHOM TAKEN.
J. B. Hill	\$ 150.00	Self
J. T. Coleman	200.00	Swartz
R. B. Allender	140.00	Self
Jesse Craig	175.00	Schreiner
John Burgess	190.00	R. L. Patterson
J. B. Hardy	190.00	Self
M. See	175.00	Self
N. Wells	170.00	Stafford
J. G. Thompson	145.00	Self
S. H. Thomas	150.00	Self
James Haynes	75.00	Schreiner
O. P. Light	75.00	Schreiner
H. C. Ethell	50.00	S. H. Thomas
Total	\$1,885.00	

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Coddington	\$ 20.00	Stoddard
Mrs. Freeland	190.00	Willits
Mrs. Donaldson	110.00	Hogle
Mrs. Reynolds	40.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Hare	100.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Wheeler	145.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Allison	100.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Wayman	10.00	Adams
Mrs. Steward	10.00	Stoddard
Mrs. McDonald	145.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Latham	90.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Kirkpatrick	130.00	Schreiner
Mrs. Hestwood	100.00	Mair
Mrs. Haynes	100.00	Bamford
Mrs. Wilson	50.00	Brooks
Total	\$1,340.00	
Paid for Blanks	2.00	
Contingent Fund	9.00	
Total	\$3,236.00	

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. TUTTLE, President.

E. L. SCHREINER, Secretary.

U. B. SMITH, Treasurer.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee on the state of the church would submit the following report :

It is a matter of profound gratitude that the church never felt so thoroughly the majesty of sending the gospel to the ends of the earth as she does today, and never was so splendidly equipped for her mission and never was more willing to obey the command of the Lord Jesus, "Go, ye, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and that amid the agnostic tendencies of the century, holds on so

steadily to the faith once delivered to the saints, and that the intellectual is so rapidly moving toward the Cross and acknowledging that man never spoke as the Man of Galilee.

It is also a matter of pleasure to see how cheerfully and loyally our Methodism assents to the action of the General Conference upon the question that agitated our people.

It is also with joy that we are permitted to stand in the dawn of that day when the watchman will see eye to eye, and to see the desire of Jesus for the unity of His church consummated, that we may be one, as He and the Father are one.

All that is needed for the speedy and sure triumph of the church is the consecration of her wealth and intelligence to God and the baptism of the Spirit. Let us pray that we, and the whole church, may receive the gift of power.

I. P. TETER, Chairman.

J. C. KENDRICK, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER PERMANENT FUND.

Balance on hand Sept. 12, 1895.....	\$403.14
Paid in	50.00
Interest	28.21

On hand Sept. 7, 1896\$481.35

To the Bishop and Brethren of Iowa Annual Conference, in Session:—

Above please find my report of funds in my hands as treasurer of permanent fund for superannuated preachers.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1896.

GEORGE HAW, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER.

Collections.	Total	Vouchers	Cash	To Whom Paid.
Missions	\$12,986	\$ 3,241	\$ 9,745	{ Curts & Jen'gs & J. M. Thoburn
Church Extension	947	122	825	James Long
Children's Fund	652	443	209	C. H. Payne
Iowa Wesleyan University	1,238	522	716	C. L. Stafford
American Bible Society	217	92	125	R. W. Hughes
Woman's Foreign Mission	3,459	3,428	31	Mrs. L. W. Byrkit
Woman's Home Mission	1,609	1,597	12	Mrs. W. F. Cowles
Conference Claimants	1,831	.....	1,831	U. B. Smith
Wesley Hospital	20	15	5	Wesley Hospital
Sunday School Union	231	40	191	Curts & Jennings
Tract Society	216	22	194	Curts & Jennings
Freedman's Aid	933	83	850	Curts & Jennings
Episcopal Fund	1,284	56	1,228	Curts & Jennings
General Conference Expenses	305	260	45	Curts & Jennings
Totals	\$25,928	\$ 9,921	\$16,007	

Knoxville, Iowa, Sept. 14, 1896.

C. W. SHEPHERD, Treas.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

Districts.	From Churches	From S. School	Total.....	Increase	Decrease	Average per Mem.
Burlington	\$ 1,946	\$ 682	\$ 2,628	.....	214	.47
Keokuk	2,013	751	2,764	.....	499	.40
Muscatine	2,180	845	3,025	.....	323	.53
Oskaloosa	1,723	526	2,249	.....	322	.39
Ottumwa	1,728	592	2,320	.....	167	.36
Iowa .....				.....	6	
Totals	\$ 9,590	\$ 3,396	\$ 12,986	.....	1531	.43 -

Receipts from charges	\$12,986
Balance on hand	6
	<u>\$12,992</u>
By cash forwarded during year	\$ 3,241
By cash paid Curts & Jennings	9,595
By cash, Bishop Thoburn	150
By cash for postage and exchange	1
By cash on hand to balance	5
	<u>\$12,992</u>

C. W. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

AMOUNTS APPORTIONED TO THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

For Missions.....	\$16,000
For Church Extension.....	3,500
For Freedmen's Aid, etc.....	3,000
For Contingent Expenses, I. W. U.	3,000
For Conference Claimants	2,500
For Episcopal Fund	1,400
For Sunday School Union	300
For Tract Society	250

Muscatine District, 21 per cent; Burlington, Keokuk and Oskaloosa Districts, 20 per cent; Ottumwa, 19 per cent.

STATISTICS Nos. I and IV. BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

Number	NAME OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS		Sunday Sch		CHURCH PROPERTY							BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS												
		No. of Probationers	No. of Full Mem- bers	No. Local Preach.	No. of Deaths	No. Child'n Bap.	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers	No. of Officers and Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	P'd for Bldg & imp. Ch's & Parsonages	Present ind'tness on Church Prop'ty	Paid on old ind't- ness on Ch prop'ty	Missions			B'd Church Exten.	Sund'y Sch. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & South. Educ'n Soc	Educ'n (a) Child'n P'd (b) Other Edu- cational Ob'ys	Amer. Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Mission'y Society	Woman's Home Miss'y Society	
																		(a) Church	(b) Sund'y Sch'l	Total									
1	Ainsworth	155			4	8	2	1	15	100	1	4000	1	1000	20			70	30	100	2	1	5	3	10	1	15		71
2	Burlington, First Ch.	50	564		2	25	35	1	43	425	1	65000	1	4000				168	164	332	30	5	20	17		184		19	35
3	Grace	53	244		2	25	35	1	28	522	1	35000	1	1500	339	775	6756	80	68	148	10	1	1	9	50	1			
4	West	3	56		1		1	1	11	50	1	5000	1	1100		100	400	18	2	20									
5	Circuit	2	145			2	11	4	31	165	4	4000	1	1500	20	8		37	23	60	8	6	2	6	3	7	1	5	
6	Columbus City	13	152		2		11	3	29	115	4	4500			225			74	10	84	5	1	1	1	1	10	1		
7	Columbus Junction	22	177	1		2	12	2	14	17	2	6000	1	1200	520		880	78	2	80	6	2	2	6	3	4			
8	Crawfordsville	3	170	1	4	3	7	2	15	105	2	3000			64		32	63	7	70	12	2	2	12	4	10			
9	Danville	5	136		1		2	2	28	170	2	8000	1	1500		115		60	13	73	1			1	5	7		57	1
10	Ft. Madison, First Ch	7	252		3		6	1	23	190	1	10000	1	2000	275	300	700	86	19	105	21	5	5	21	9	21		29	
11	" Santa Fe Ave	10	154	1	1	18	12	1	32	329	1	4500			11	543	900	35	10	45									
12	Hillsboro	8	228		6	2	18	3	28	178	3	3000			150			50	5	55	8	3	3	2	3	2			
13	Kossuth	3	152			7	24	3	27	207	3	4500	2	1000				61	9	70	8	1	1	7	4	7			
14	Mediapolis		208		2		2	1	20	150	1	2500	1	1800	80			37	143	180	7	1	1	21	6	16	5	57	
15	Morning Sun	11	242		5	13	19	2	39	221	2	7500	1	2500		200		37	33	70	10		3	10	10	11	2	4	2
16	Mt. Pleasant, First Ch	13	645	1	8	1	6	1	30	230	1	16000	1	4000		500		298	102	400	40	4	3	35	31	55	4	222	138
17	" Circuit	6	270		4	1	2	4	35	225	4	4000	1	2000		70		160		160	15	2	1	12		15		24	
18	" West Circuit		110		1	1	10	3	29	120	3	3000			50	100		20		20	2			2					
19	Mt. Union	28	270	1		6	15	4	26	342	4	7600	1	800	50	300	300	100	16	1	1	1		9	16	1			
20	New London	4	100		3		2	20	80		3	4500	1	1200	75			57	3	60	3	2	1	3		3	1		
21	Salem	27	196	1			32	4	55	250	4	3000	1	700	50	310		38	7	45	1			1					
22	Sperry	12	179		2	6	4	4	40	164	4	3200	1	675	135	15	7	68	2	70	15	3	3	15		15	3	1	
23	Wapello	1	152		3	2	14	2	22	165	3	4000	1	1400	65	70		50	10	60	1			1	12				
24	Wayland	6	200	1	8		2	4	53	275	4	5500	1	1200	375		150		85	3				3	3	5			
25	West Point	1	168				10	4	30	200	2	2100	1	700	160			76		76	3	1	1	5	6	4	3	13	4
26	Winfield	11	239		5	70	50	1	16	120	1	4500	1	1500	125		800	40	20	60	2	1	1	2	7			12	
Total		299	5564	9	65	167	315	61	739	5115	62	223900	22	33275	2789	2806	11525	1946	682	2628	229	42	37	228	133	291	33	642	251

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

1	Batavia	4	233	2	1	1	40	3	28	150	3	2300	1	600	100	.....	60	30	90	10	5	5	10	5	10	5	.....	.....
2	Bentonsport	11	265	1	3	.....	10	4	20	210	4	3000	1	400	65	.....	43	6	49	1	.....	2	.....	5	1	.....	.....	4
3	Birmingham	28	124	.....	.....	1	25	2	25	170	2	5500	1	500	5	68	15	35	15	50	2	.....	2	.....	14	23	1	
4	Bloomfield	16	460	3	1	1	43	1	26	250	1	5000	1	2000	228	.....	313	78	391	40	10	10	40	22	40	10	214	12
5	Cantril	12	322	1	1	1	12	4	50	300	3	2600	1	400	165	.....	64	26	90	5	1	1	5	2	7	1	.....	.....
6	Centerville	10	415	2	7	2	5	1	22	175	1	4000	1	4000	80	.....	250	50	300	30	5	5	30	3	33	7	80	2
7	Cincinnati	20	360	2	6	.....	36	4	41	300	4	4800	1	1000	185	.....	65	20	85	8	.....	3	9	5	5	.....	10	.....
8	Drakeville	10	297	.....	5	.....	52	4	24	120	3	3200	1	600	.....	.....	30	.....	30	5	2	1	5	1	3	2	.....	.....
9	Eldon	27	164	2	1	40	1	17	140	1	1000	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	20	5	25	5	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	1	.....	
10	Exline	7	181	1	6	.....	6	3	23	120	3	2450	.....	45	.....	.....	48	2	50	1	1	1	2	12	2	1	2	.....
11	Fairfield	38	480	4	9	11	6	1	44	464	1	12000	1	1000	.....	.....	125	175	300	12	6	5	16	11	12	7	114	61
12	Farmington	4	110	.....	3	.....	.....	3	45	150	3	3300	1	1000	100	.....	27	3	30	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Keokuk, Chatham Sq	23	217	1	2	2	9	1	27	215	1	7000	1	5000	151	850	150	50	200	5	3	2	5	8	15	1	85	2	
14	" First Church	30	330	.....	1	6	40	3	.....	.....	3	14400	1	2000	100	129	900	60	40	100	3	1	1	3	6	6	.....	.....
15	Keosauqua	1	190	.....	5	1	4	1	16	100	1	2500	1	2000	.....	.....	63	19	82	9	2	2	9	5	10	2	47	1
16	" Circuit	6	309	.....	2	.....	9	5	51	290	4	2800	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	10	90	10	2	2	10	12	10	2	6	.....
17	Libertyville	28	235	.....	3	2	61	3	34	228	3	3000	1	800	85	.....	55	85	5	90	10	2	2	10	15	2	24	1
18	Milton	.....	361	1	3	7	4	2	33	225	2	3000	1	1000	200	.....	79	21	100	10	2	1	10	7	15	1	35	2
19	Montrose	3	108	.....	.....	.....	2	3	23	90	3	4100	1	800	9	403	75	6	7	13	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Moulton	16	153	2	.....	.....	.....	1	12	90	1	2500	1	1000	10	100	.....	30	30	60	5	1	1	10	16	10	1	15
21	Mt. Zion	7	119	.....	3	3	12	4	37	130	5	4500	1	400	25	.....	100	39	1	40	2	1	1	7	12	.....	4	.....
22	Mystic and Jerome	41	314	2	8	3	14	4	46	350	5	4000	1	800	75	13	100	50	.....	50	8	2	2	8	4	10	5	.....
23	Pulaski	6	298	.....	2	.....	25	3	38	250	3	3800	1	650	151	20	.....	32	50	82	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Salina	39	125	.....	1	3	23	4	37	130	4	2850	1	650	20	12	.....	40	32	72	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	5
25	Selma	3	260	.....	2	.....	4	4	25	200	4	3000	1	600	.....	.....	83	27	110	20	5	5	5	14	20	5	.....	.....
26	Troy	5	250	.....	4	2	15	5	.....	.....	4	3000	1	200	.....	.....	80	32	112	10	2	2	10	2	20	.....	3	.....
27	West Grove	5	189	.....	2	.....	13	4	37	162	4	4500	1	900	14	158	24	56	17	73	1	2	1	2	4	10	1	4
Total		400	6869	22	82	47	510	78	786	5009	76	114100	24	28300	1823	1053	2389	2013	751	2764	215	56	51	200	156	298	55	625	142

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1	Amish	9	159	.....	1	.....	4	35	175	4	1800	1	400	.....	.....	75	34	4	38	6	1	1	5	4	10	.....	.....	.....
2	Blue Grass	16	115	.....	1	.....	1	4	45	235	3	4550	1	350	327	30	20	43	17	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
3	Kaloua	20	185	1	3	4	8	4	48	200	4	3800	1	1200	130	275	.....	70	5	75	1	1	1	1	.....	1	12	1
4	Keota	6	144	.....	2	.....	4	2	30	200	2	3700	1	1200	.....	.....	200	97	23	120	8	1	1	8	5	10	1	38
5	Kozta	13	145	.....	2	5	40	3	35	160	3	2000	1	850	50	.....	50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Ladora	15	137	.....	1	.....	6	2	24	100	2	2800	1	800	105	34	15	100	10	110	10	3	2	15	10	3	13	5
7	Letts	3	182	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	6000	1	1300	3659	.....	100	.....	100	10	2	2	5	11	10	2	10	.....
8	Lexington	1	116	.....	3	.....	3	2	22	120	2	3200	1	650	40	.....	55	11	66	3	1	1	5	3	3	1	70	.....
9	Lone Tree	3	230	.....	2	3	2	3	29	230	3	6000	1	1000	2800	.....	1300	20	30	50	4	1	1	4	9	16	1	.....
10	Marengo	3	176	1	2	4	2	1	21	.....	1	9000	1	1500	45	.....	115	15	130	5	1	1	5	5	5	6	.....	45
11	Millersburg	.....	98	.....	2	.....	2	2	16	100	2	2500	1	300	14	12	.....	10	8	18	3	1	1	5	5	5	1	1
12	Muscatine, First Ch.	42	513	2	8	1	1	35	310	1	40000	1	5000	129	199	201	400	37	14	14	38	11	40	14	269	112
13	" Park Ave.	15	87	.....	9	11	1	23	137	1	2000	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	15	13	28	2	1	1	4	1	5	1	.....	.....
14	" Circuit	10	260	1	4	2	6	4	55	325	4	8000	1	3000	350	60	50	50	100	2	1	1	3	7	10	35

MUSCATINE DISTRICT...Continued.

Number	NAME OF CHARGES	MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS	Sunday Sch		CHURCH PROPERTY							BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												
		No. of Probati'ns	No. of Full Mem- bers	No. Local Preach.	No. of Deaths		No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Pd. for Bldgs & Imp. Ch's & Parsonages	Present Ind't'n's on Church Prop'ty	Pd on Old Ind'ti- ness on Ch. Prop'ty	Missions			Sund'y Sch. Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & South. Educ'n Soc	Educ'n		Amer. Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Mission'y Society	Woman's Home Miss'y Society		
						No. of Adults Baptized										No. of Schools	(a) Child'n's F'd	(b) Other Edu- cational Obj'ts				(a) Church	(b) Sund'y Sch'l				Total	
15	Nichols	11	160	1	1	4	1	3	26	235	3	3100			15	30	9	26	35	8	1	1	8	1	10	1		6
16	North English	4	188	1	1	1	1	2	18	175	2	1500	1	1500			60	30	90	2	2	2	8	4	5		6	6
17	Oxford	14	129				19	1	14	75	1	3500	1	1000	350	175	15	10	25					3	6			4
18	Riverside	19	213		3	3	28	3	43	220	2	6000	1	1500	72		17	13	30	2	1	1	1	7	18	1	50	2
19	Sweetland	14	180		1			3	34	248	4	5500	1	800	25		214	25	239	10	2	2	10	10	8	2	30	
20	Tiffin	17	140		1			3	20	125	3	3200	1	600	35		65	25	90	12	3	3	10	11	12	3	27	
21	Victor	17	196		1	7	29	2	24	160	2	4500	1	1000	300	100	30	5	35	2			2	3	5		20	
22	Washington	9	701		12	10	4	1	38	313	1	20000	1	3000	2300	186	220	150	370	48	10	10	42	10	42	5	190	389
23	Webster	22	302		2	8	19	4	43	210	4	4000	1	1300	42	40	51	10	61	1			1		2			
24	Westchester	4	160		1		2	2	22	100	2	2000	1	800	50		50	5	55				1				18	
25	Wellman	20	256	2	2		17	1	18	140	2	5000	1	1500			107	13	120	5	1	1	5	5	5		26	63
26	West Liberty	9	213	1	3	3	5	1	25	190	1	7000	1	2000	35		134	26	160	20	4	4	17	5	27	4	65	77
27	Williamsburg	3	150		1	1	1	1	15	135	1	4000	1	1500		600	17	20	37	1	1	1	3	4	3	1		11
28	Wilton	9	196		3	2	4	1	28	240	1	7000	1	1500	46		233	100	333	15	2	2	13	12	15	28	126	78
Total		328	5731	11	65	69	213	63	786	4858	63	171650	26	35550	9840	1257	2180	845	3025	222	55	56	218	132	292	76	1006	800

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1	Barnes City	48	147	1	2	4	9	3	17	230	4	6000	-----	-----	3000	411	-----	14	4	18	2	-----	1	-----	4	-----	-----	-----	
2	Beacon	26	178	3	3	6	17	3	37	175	3	3500	-----	-----	-----	25	100	63	4	67	5	1	1	5	5	5	-----	-----	
3	Brooklyn	15	315	-----	6	-----	8	1	24	236	1	10000	1	2000	140	40	110	50	160	13	4	4	12	5	10	2	58	8	
4	Deep River	1	175	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	2	21	140	1	2000	1	1200	-----	66	434	25	5	30	3	-----	3	2	6	-----	-----	
5	Delta	12	240	-----	3	-----	5	3	30	175	3	3100	-----	-----	-----	-----	15	3	18	1	-----	-----	4	-----	-----	3	-----		
6	Ewart	1	114	1	2	-----	1	3	23	120	3	3300	1	800	-----	10	50	20	5	25	4	1	1	4	3	5	20	-----	
7	Grinnell	3	385	2	3	4	6	1	25	250	1	26000	1	3000	13000	-----	13000	110	24	134	4	2	2	6	12	-----	76	57	
8	Kellogg	9	150	-----	1	2	9	4	41	205	4	4250	1	300	90	-----	40	79	16	95	5	4	4	12	5	3	2	43	1
9	Lacey	9	197	-----	4	1	1	3	26	145	3	2600	1	800	100	-----	300	26	4	30	1	-----	1	-----	5	-----	-----	-----	
10	Lynnville	6	192	1	2	1	5	3	35	260	3	3300	1	400	35	-----	-----	49	4	53	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	-----	-----
11	Malcom	5	212	-----	2	4	2	2	25	198	2	5000	1	1600	325	-----	-----	44	6	50	2	-----	-----	1	3	-----	-----	7	-----
12	Montezuma	13	336	-----	6	3	4	1	31	250	1	4500	1	600	-----	60	150	82	47	129	6	2	2	8	10	10	60	8	
13	Newton	40	560	-----	6	21	61	1	31	503	1	14000	-----	-----	2000	-----	-----	150	50	200	10	2	2	10	6	15	6	80	-----

14 Newton Circuit	12	280	1	5	10	4	49	360	4	5000	30	120	9	129	1	1	1	5	1	18
15 New Sharon	36	287	6	2	9	1	22	190	1	3000	1	203	47	250	25	4	4	23	5	25
16 Oskaloosa	16	606	4	5	11	34	1	36	388	1	1500	194	110	304	15	5	5	15	20	9
17 " Circuit	90	67	2	1	5	17	3	41	338	2	2000	700	22	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
18 Pella	7	90	3	4	23	1	23	125	1	1800	1	60	10	70	12	2	2	12	13	4
19 Reasoner	33	202	2	2	3	2	25	153	4	3000	1	40	36	76	5	5	1	5	4	12
20 Rose Hill	15	147	1	3	1	1	10	50	2	2000	1	17	3	20	3	20	3	5	5	2
21 Sonora	6	228	3	3	1	6	3	38	250	3	6000	96	14	110	3	3	5	5	5	12
22 Taintor	15	232	1	1	1	5	5	35	300	4	4300	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
23 Thornburg	9	220	1	1	2	4	3	55	255	3	4000	83	17	100	15	3	3	15	10	17
24 What Cheer	25	220	2	1	5	3	1	21	279	1	3500	72	58	130	3	1	1	2	3	5
Total	452	5780	30	60	85	243	55	771	5675	56	129650	18	19300	20452	944	14684	1723	526	2249	137

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1	Agency	4	315	1	4	1	1	2	43	292	2	3700	1	1300	42	200	133	17	150	5	1	2	5	7	8	27	36		
2	Albia	6	280	3	3	18	1	18	1	13000	1	1500	14	77	75	152	9	3	3	9	6	20	5	2	37	36			
3	Attica	18	260	1	6	3	6	4	60	200	4	2600	1	900	155	110	115	5	120	2	1	1	4	5	5	2	36		
4	Blakesburg	4	109	2	5	5	1	17	90	1	5300	1	500	1600	20	25	45	1	1	1	1	2	2	5	2	36			
5	Brighton	9	157	2	5	5	1	17	90	1	5300	1	500	1600	20	25	45	1	1	1	1	2	2	5	2	36			
6	Cedar	3	178	1	2	7	2	2	2000	1	1200	1	215	26	4	30	5	1	1	5	8	4	4	18	1	1			
7	Chillicothe	1	180	1	3	9	1	4	24	200	4	3500	1	600	120	80	225	30	30	1	1	1	5	2	5	2			
8	Durham	7	384	1	8	2	7	97	305	7	7100	1	500	257	144	45	40	20	60	5	1	1	5	3	8	1	1		
9	Eddyville	13	170	2	3	7	9	3	32	237	3	3800	1	260	21	14	35	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	6	1	1		
10	Fremont	2	125	1	1	1	1	16	100	1	3000	1	1300	75	40	20	60	11	3	2	10	7	15	16	18	1			
11	Hedrick	3	186	2	7	3	2	7	97	305	7	7100	1	500	257	144	45	40	20	60	5	1	1	5	3	8	1		
12	Kirkville	11	238	3	3	2	50	200	2	6000	1	1000	50	780	45	45	90	3	1	1	7	2	6	22	11	30			
13	Knoxville	15	464	3	3	3	1	22000	1	2000	1	2000	1	208	42	250	28	5	5	27	19	12	5	105	137	7			
14	Lovilia	270	4	3	3	5	62	208	5	5500	1	500	166	11	41	41	4	2	2	2	11	5	1	7	7	1			
15	Martinsburg	9	226	2	8	1	14	85	3	3700	1	600	50	55	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40			
16	Marysville	21	250	3	11	6	71	316	4	4000	1	300	27	35	96	21	117	3	3	2	3	7	10	23	23	2			
17	Melrose	9	180	7	3	8	3	31	200	3	3500	1	50	50	25	5	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
18	Moravia	4	232	1	4	2	3	29	170	3	3200	1	800	3000	72	18	90	7	2	2	7	4	6	2	46	2			
19	Ottumwa, First Ch'ch	15	609	1	11	12	7	1	33	330	1	33000	1	6000	304	96	400	26	6	5	20	14	44	5	226	98			
20	Main St.	25	142	1	3	3	14	1	14	150	1	8000	170	33	38	55	4	2	2	4	3	7	2	33	33	2			
21	Willard St.	6	275	2	7	4	1	18	150	1	2000	1	1200	20	280	33	12	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
22	Packwood	15	225	1	5	1	9	5	48	344	4	3200	1	1300	938	57	3	60	2	2	1	5	2	2	2	2			
23	Pleasant Plain	3	180	1	2	34	4	41	175	4	5500	1	150	400	35	30	65	10	3	3	10	10	5	5	5	5			
24	Richland	2	230	1	1	7	3	52	250	3	4000	1	1200	50	45	95	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5			
25	Sigourney	5	245	4	1	19	1	21	150	1	1000	1	650	40	50	10	60	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	65	2			
26	Unionville	2	232	1	3	4	3	49	250	3	2600	1	800	40	10	50	5	1	1	4	9	5	1	44	44	2			
Total.....		212	6342	15	82	70	93	72	909	4852	71	160700	21	25500	6157	2221	5637	1728	592	2320	144	40	38	144	142	196	26	692	329

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	MEMBERSHIP				BAP- TISMS	Sunday Sch		CHURCH PROPERTY							BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS													
	No. of Probation's	No. of Full Mem- bers.....	No. Local Preach.	No. of Deaths.....		No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools.....	No. of Officers and Teachers.....	No. of Scholars.....	No. of Churches.....	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.....	Pd for Bldg & Imp. Chs & Parsonages	Pd on Old Ind'td- ness on Ch. Pr'p'ty	Present Ind't'n's on Church Prop'ty	Missions			Bd Church Exten.	Sund'y Sch. Union	Tract Society.....	Freedmen's Aid & South. Educ'n Soc	Educ'n (a) Child'n F'd	(b) Other Edu- cational Obj's	Amer'n Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Mission'y Society	Woman's Home Mission'y Society
					Total												(a) Church.....	(b) Sund'y Sch'l										
1 Burlington District ...	299	5564	9	65	167	315	61	739	5115	62	223900	22	33275	2789	2806	11525	1946	682	2628	229	42	37	228	133	291	33	642	251
2 Keokuk District.....	400	6869	22	82	47	510	78	786	5009	76	114100	24	28300	1823	1053	2389	2013	751	2764	215	56	51	200	156	298	55	625	142
3 Muscatine District	328	5731	11	65	69	213	63	786	4858	63	171650	26	35550	9840	1257	3238	2180	845	3025	222	55	56	218	132	292	76	1006	800
4 Oskaloosa District	452	5780	30	60	85	243	55	771	5675	56	129650	18	19300	2452	944	14684	1723	526	2249	137	38	34	143	89	161	27	494	87
5 Ottumwa District	212	6342	15	82	70	93	72	909	4852	71	160700	21	25500	6157	2221	5637	1728	592	2320	144	40	38	144	142	196	26	692	329
Total this year.....	1691	30286	87	354	438	1374	329	3991	25509	328	800000	111	141925	41061	8261	37473	9590	3396	12986	947	231	216	933	652	1238	217	3459	1609
Total last year.....	2094	29717	109	339	480	2062	343	4029	27127	335	755430	110	137975	44330	9617	34205	10879	3638	14517	962	244	225	984	752	1032	216	3704	1979
Increase		569		15							44570	1	3950			3268									206	1		
Decrease	403		22		42	688	14	38	1618	7				3269	1356		1289	242	1531	15	13	9	51	100		245	370	

There was a total of \$790 in other collections raised by the Conference, and \$305 for general Conference expenses.

STATISTICS No. 3. BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT						SUP'T OF PR. EL'S	SUP'T OF BISHOPS	CONF'R'CL'IM'TS				CURR'NT EXP'NS'S			
			Claims			Receipts					Deficiencies.....	Rec'd from				Total	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c.	S. School Lesson Leaves, B'ks, &c
			Salary	House Rent.....	Total	Salary	House Rent.....	Total				Collections	Endowments	Other Sources				
1	Ainsworth	J. M. Coates	800		800	800		800	58	58	12	12	10		10	100	35	
2	Burlington, First Church	S. C. Bronson	2000	400	2400	2000	400	2400	243	243	40	40	50		50	1292	277	
3	Burlington, Grace Church	G. B. Swartz	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	65	65	15	15	20		20	571	120	
4	Burlington, West	J. W. Potter	400		400	400		400	18	13	3	3	4		4	40	22	
5	Burlington Circuit	E. S. Daly	550	150	700	550	150	700	58	35	10	9	9		9	55	38	
6	Columbus City	W. H. Perdew	560		560	510		510	50	30	6	6	15		15	80	19	
7	Columbus Junction	M. J. Pusey	775	120	895	660	114	774	121	52	43	8	8		8	110	125	
8	Crawfordsville	John W. Pool	525		525	525		525	40	40	8	8	12		12	80	36	
9	Danville	George Filmer	700	100	800	700	100	800	65	65	8	8	15		15	75	40	
10	Ft. Madison, First Church	John C. Willets	860	140	1000	860	140	1000	58	58	12	12	22		22	175	58	
11	Ft. Madison, Santa Fe Avenue	A. E. Buriff	700		700	700		700	32	32	6	6	4		4	158	63	
12	Hillsboro	H. T. Robinson	500		500	500		500	38	33	6	6	10		10	40	75	
13	Kossuth	T. F. Barker	500	75	575	457	75	532	43	38	8	8	8		8	66	47	
14	Mediapolis	A. S. Loveall	800	150	950	800	150	950	68	68	13	13	21		21	156	75	
15	Morning Sun	P. J. Henness	800	125	925	731	125	856	69	62	56	12	11	15	15	100	50	
16	Mt. Pleasant, First Church	W. P. Stoddard	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	180	180	32	32	60		60	500	100	
17	Mt. Pleasant Circuit	C. W. Powelson	850	150	1000	810	150	960	40	73	15	15	15		15	100	100	
18	Mt. Pleasant, West Circuit	T. Osborn	300		300	290		290	10	14	3	3				80	40	
19	Mt. Union	W. C. Chew	720	100	820	672	100	772	48	58	12	11	11		11	150	70	
20	New London	S. F. Bishop	600	100	700	600	100	700	50	50	5	5	5		5	50	25	
21	Salem	P. C. Hogle	665	100	765	620	100	720	45	46	8	8	9		9	80	70	
22	Sperry	G. F. Cannom	600	60	660	500	60	560	100	38	34	8	8	12		12	100	54
23	Wapello	T. S. Pool	800	150	950	750	150	900	50	62	11	10	10		10	160	75	
24	Wayland	George Schlenker	700	100	800	690	100	790	10	58	56	10	10	6	6	175	65	
25	West Point	A. M. Mahaffie	542	75	617	542	75	617	58	52	10	8	5		5	65	75	
26	Winfield	W. N. Hall	800	125	925	800	125	925	58	58	10	10	5		5	125	50	
Total			19447	2620	22067	18867	2614	21481	586	1620	1552	291	283	361	361	4683	1804	

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

Number	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT						SUP. OF PR. EL'S		SUP'TOF BISH'PS		CONFR. CLAIM'TS			CURR'NT EXP'NS'S				
			Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amt. Appor't'd	Amount Paid	Amt. Appor't'd	Amount Paid	Rec'd from			Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c	S. School Lesson Leaves, B'ks, &c	S. School Lesson Leaves, B'ks, &c
			Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total						Collections	Endowments	Other Sources				
1	Batavia	U. S. Smith	600	60	660	600	60	660		55	55	10	10	20			20	75	25	
2	Bentonsport	R. Weese	600	50	650	530	50	580	70	60	56	12	4	6			6	70	60	
3	Birmingham	J. W. Fraker	650	60	710	650	60	710		50	50	12	12	7			7	83	51	
4	Bloomfield	G. M. Tuttle	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		100	100	16	16	40			40	220	90	
5	Cantril	A. E. Thornley	650	42	692	600	27	627	65	65	55	10	8	10			10	179	92	
6	Centerville	I. O. Kemble	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		100	100	15	15	30			30	250	70	
7	Cincinnati	R. Breeden	600	100	700	585	100	685	15	65	62	12	11	15			15	140	100	
8	Drakeville	C. W. Evans	600	60	660	431	60	491	169	60	47	10	5	5			5	35	15	
9	Eldon	J. J. Beckham	500	120	620	500	120	620		50	50	7	7	10			10	75	50	
10	Exline	E. J. Shook	500		500	443		443	57	45	40	7	7	2			2	50	37	
11	Fairfield	J. A. Boatman	1100		1100	1100		1100		100	100	16	16	24			24	383	105	
12	Farmington	G. W. Pool	700	100	800	550	100	650	150	60	40	8	7	9			9	100	76	
13	Keokuk, Chatham Square	A. V. Kendrick	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		100	100	16	16	40			40	493	113	
14	Keokuk, First Church	R. L. Patterson	800	150	950	800	150	950		60	60	8	8	10			10	220	90	
15	Keosauqua	C. L. Tennant	600	120	720	600	120	720		65	65	10	10	25			25	110	45	
16	Keosauqua Circuit	H. F. Gilbert	700		700	605		605	95	65	56	10	8	20			20	76	79	
17	Libertyville	P. H. McBeth	500	80	580	500	80	580		55	55	8	8	20			20	85	40	
18	Milton	B. M. Boydston	700	100	800	700	100	800		65	65	9	9	22			22	75	75	
19	Montrose	S. Thero	300	60	360	273	60	333	27	30	23	4	3	2			2	73	23	
20	Moulton	W. R. Jeffrey	600	120	720	600	120	720		60	60	10	10	15			15	65		
21	Mt. Zion	W. M. Erskine	500	50	550	397	50	447	103	60	46	8	6	4			4	30	21	
22	Mystic and Jerome	E. Handy & W. S. Shearer	1000	100	1100	863	100	963	137	70	62	10	9	20			20	135	100	
23	Pulaski	J. E. Wilkins	640	60	700	640	60	700		65	65	10	10	6			6	150	50	
24	Salina	G. L. Minear	440	60	500	418	60	478	22	55	45	8	6	3			3	70	40	
25	Selma	B. F. Shane	650	50	700	598	50	648	52	65	61	10	10	22			22	80	40	
26	Troy	J. W. Carson	500	60	560	500	60	560		60	60	9	9	15			15	20		
27	West Grove	D. G. Abbott	525	75	600	415	75	490	110	60	49	8	6	5			5	35	25	
Total			17955	2277	20232	16798	2262	19160	1072	1745	1627	273	246	407			407	3377	1491	

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1	Amish	H. R. Osborne (supply)	600	50	650	386	50	436	214	60	60	.....	.....	10	.....	10	50	40
2	Blue Grass	J. E. Newsom	600	60	660	550	60	610	50	40	35	6	5	.....	.....	.....	60	80
3	Kalona	W. C. Vanschoiack	700	100	800	625	100	725	75	50	45	7	6	7	.....	7	100	50
4	Keota	W. N. Groome	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	60	60	10	10	8	.....	8	160	82
5	Kosztz	D. S. Dunlavy	550	50	600	550	50	600	.....	50	50	5	5	.....	.....	.....	100	35
6	Ladora	W. N. Potter	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	50	.....	12	32	.....	32	113	.....
7	Letts	H. F. Pugh	775	125	900	775	125	900	.....	65	65	10	10	20	.....	20	125	75
8	Lexington	A. M. Smith	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	50	50	8	8	7	.....	7	100	27
9	Lone Tree	A. B. Hightshoe	700	100	800	680	100	780	20	50	50	8	8	9	.....	9	60	40
10	Marengo	W. R. Stryker	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	70	70	12	12	5	.....	5	300	37
11	Millersburg	Thos. Biggar (supply)	300	36	336	254	36	290	46	20	20	3	3	3	.....	3	40	30
12	Muscatine, First Church	J. F. Robertson	1250	250	1500	1250	250	1500	.....	160	160	32	32	50	.....	50	1277	100
13	Muscatine, Park Avenue	L. D. Johnson	100	.....	100	100	.....	100	.....	10	10	5	5	5	.....	5	75	40
14	Muscatine Circuit	J. C. Kendrick	800	200	1000	725	200	925	75	90	82	15	13	10	.....	10	200	125
15	Nichols	A. Telfer (supply)	500	72	572	462	66	528	44	36	33	5	5	8	.....	8	70	60
16	North English	C. R. Zimmerman	700	150	850	625	150	775	75	40	40	12	11	10	.....	10	125	100
17	Oxford	John Hanks	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	40	40	5	5	10	.....	10	80	32
18	Riverside	J. R. Payne	800	100	900	667	100	767	133	65	61	8	8	3	.....	3	100	55
19	Sweetland	J. M. McClelland	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	60	60	10	10	20	.....	20	110	88
20	Tiffin	W. C. Barclay	505	60	565	505	60	565	.....	40	40	5	5	10	.....	10	75	40
21	Victor	C. H. Montgomery	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	60	60	8	8	5	.....	5	130	75
22	Washington	W. G. Thorn	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	125	125	25	25	46	.....	46	540	381
23	Webster	W. F. Hughes	650	75	725	630	75	705	20	60	60	10	3	2	.....	2	65	50
24	Westchester	W. H. Jones	600	60	660	540	60	600	60	40	31	5	5	5	.....	5	50	40
25	Wellman	H. N. Smith	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	60	60	12	12	5	.....	5	200	50
26	West Liberty	I. B. Schreckengast	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	75	75	14	14	24	.....	24	110	50
27	Williamsburg	C. F. Williams	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	44	44	8	8	8	.....	8	200	42
28	Wilton	J. F. Barnett	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	65	65	13	13	30	.....	30	189	23
Total			19330	2883	22213	18524	2877	21401	812	1645	1601	261	261	352	.....	352	4804	1847

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1	Barnes City	H. E. Colby	600	48	648	400	42	442	206	35	35	5	2	5	.....	5	180	31
2	Beacon	A. H. Hanawalt	600	.....	600	558	.....	558	42	45	45	6	6	13	.....	13	60	34
3	Brooklyn	J. W. Lambert	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	95	95	17	17	27	.....	27	226	100
4	Deep River	Isaac Borts	600	100	700	543	100	643	57	50	50	8	7	10	.....	10	60	.....
5	Delta	C. E. Coggshall	550	.....	550	.....	.....	435	115	54	47	5	3	2	.....	2	60	30
6	Ewart	John Potter	.....	.....	.....	235	30	265	.....	48	48	5	5	6	.....	6	75	40
7	Grinnell	J. W. Hackley	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	20	20	25	.....	25	275	100
8	Kellogg	M. A. Meagher	800	60	860	692	60	752	108	70	60	10	9	20	.....	20	100	59
9	Lacey	G. W. Barber	800	100	900	656	100	756	144	60	60	8	5	4	.....	4	60	30
10	Lynnville	R. Collier	540	60	600	461	60	521	79	50	50	8	6	7	.....	7	98	58
11	Malcom	D. C. Bevan	800	150	950	730	150	880	70	65	60	6	5	11	.....	11	150	50
12	Montezuma	E. C. Brooks	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	90	90	17	17	20	20	300	112
13	Newton	C. V. Cowan	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	80	80	20	20	50	50	100

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			Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Amount Paid		Amount Paid		Rec'd from			Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c	S. School Lesson Leaves, B'ks, &c	S. School Lesson Leaves, B'ks, &c
			Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total						Collections	Endowments	Other Sources				
1	Batavia	U. S. Smith	600	60	660	600	60	660		55	55	10	10	20		20	75	25		
2	Bentonsport	R. Weese	600	50	650	530	50	580	70	60	56	12	4	6		6	70	60		
3	Birmingham	J. W. Fraker	650	60	710	650	60	710		50	50	12	7			7	83	51		
4	Bloomfield	G. M. Tuttle	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		100	100	16	16	40		40	220	90		
5	Cantril	A. E. Thornley	650	42	692	600	27	627	65	65	55	10	8	10		10	179	92		
6	Centerville	I. O. Kemble	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		100	100	15	15	30		30	250	70		
7	Cincinnati	R. Breeden	600	100	700	585	100	685	15	65	62	12	11	15		15	140	100		
8	Drakeville	C. W. Evans	600	60	660	431	60	491	169	60	47	10	5	5		5	35	15		
9	Eldon	J. J. Beckham	500	120	620	500	120	620		50	50	7	7	10		10	75	50		
10	Exline	E. J. Shook	500		500	443		443	57	45	40	7	7	2		2	50	37		
11	Fairfield	J. A. Boatman	1100		1100			1100		100	100	16	16	24		24	383	105		
12	Farmington	G. W. Pool	700	100	800	550	100	650	150	60	40	8	7	9		9	100	76		
13	Keokuk, Chatham Square	A. V. Kendrick	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300		100	100	16	16	40		40	493	113		
14	Keokuk, First Church	R. L. Patterson	800	150	950	800	150	950		60	60	8	8	10		10	220	90		
15	Keosauqua	C. L. Tennant	600	120	720	600	120	720		65	65	10	10	25		25	110	45		
16	Keosauqua Circuit	H. F. Gilbert	700		700	605		605	95	65	56	10	8	20		20	76	79		
17	Libertyville	P. H. McBeth	500	80	580	500	80	580		55	55	8	8	20		20	85	40		
18	Milton	B. M. Boydston	700	100	800	700	100	800		65	65	9	9	22		22	75	75		
19	Montrose	S. Thero	300	60	360	273	60	333	27	30	23	4	3	2		2	73	23		
20	Moulton	W. R. Jeffrey	600	120	720	600	120	720		60	60	10	10	15		15	65			
21	Mt. Zion	W. M. Erskine	500	50	550	397	50	447	103	60	46	8	6	4		4	30	21		
22	Mystic and Jerome	E. Handy & W. S. Shearer	1000	100	1100	863	100	963	137	70	62	10	9	20		20	135	100		
23	Pulaski	J. E. Wilkins	640	60	700	640	60	700		65	65	10	6			6	150	50		
24	Salina	G. L. Minear	440	60	500	418	60	478	22	55	45	8	6	3		3	70	40		
25	Selma	B. F. Shane	650	50	700	598	50	648	52	65	61	10	10	22		22	80	40		
26	Troy	J. W. Carson	500	60	560	500	60	560		60	60	9	9	15		15	20			
27	West Grove	D. G. Abbott	525	75	600	415	75	490	110	60	49	8	6	5		5	35	25		
	Total		17955	2277	20232	16798	2262	19160	1072	1745	1627	273	246	407		407	3377	1490		

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1	Amish	H. R. Osborne (supply)	600	50	650	386	50	436	214	60	60	.....	.....	10	.....	10	50	40
2	Blue Grass	J. E. Newsom	600	60	660	550	60	610	50	40	35	6	5	.....	.....	.....	60	80
3	Kalona	W. C. Vanschoiack	700	100	800	625	100	725	75	50	45	7	6	7	.....	7	100	50
4	Keota	W. N. Groome	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	60	60	10	10	8	.....	8	160	82
5	Kosza	D. S. Dunlavy	550	50	600	550	50	600	.....	50	50	5	5	.....	.....	.....	100	35
6	Ladora	W. N. Potter	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	50	.....	12	32	.....	32	113	.....
7	Letts	H. F. Pugh	775	125	900	775	125	900	.....	65	65	10	10	20	.....	20	125	75
8	Lexington	A. M. Smith	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	50	50	8	8	7	.....	7	100	27
9	Lone Tree	A. B. Hightshoe	700	100	800	680	100	780	20	50	50	8	8	9	.....	9	60	40
10	Marengo	W. R. Stryker	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	70	70	12	12	5	.....	5	300	37
11	Millersburg	Thos. Biggar (supply)	300	36	336	254	36	290	46	20	20	3	3	3	.....	3	40	30
12	Muscatine, First Church	J. F. Robertson	1250	250	1500	1250	250	1500	.....	160	160	32	32	50	.....	50	1277	100
13	Muscatine, Park Avenue	L. D. Johnson	100	.....	100	100	.....	100	.....	10	10	5	5	5	.....	5	75	40
14	Muscatine Circuit	J. C. Kendrick	800	200	1000	725	200	925	75	90	82	15	13	10	.....	10	200	125
15	Nichols	A. Telfer (supply)	500	72	572	462	66	528	44	36	33	5	5	8	.....	8	70	60
16	North English	C. R. Zimmerman	700	150	850	625	150	775	75	40	40	12	11	10	.....	10	125	100
17	Oxford	John Hanks	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	40	40	5	5	10	.....	10	80	32
18	Riverside	J. R. Payne	800	100	900	667	100	767	133	65	61	8	8	3	.....	3	100	55
19	Sweetland	J. M. McClelland	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	60	60	10	10	20	.....	20	110	88
20	Tiffin	W. C. Barclay	505	60	565	505	60	565	.....	40	40	5	5	10	.....	10	75	40
21	Victor	C. H. Montgomery	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	60	60	8	8	5	.....	5	130	75
22	Washington	W. G. Thorn	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	125	125	25	25	46	.....	46	540	381
23	Webster	W. F. Hughes	650	75	725	630	75	705	20	60	60	10	3	2	.....	2	65	50
24	Westchester	W. H. Jones	600	60	660	540	60	600	60	40	31	5	5	5	.....	5	50	40
25	Wellman	H. N. Smith	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	60	60	12	12	5	.....	5	200	50
26	West Liberty	I. B. Schreckengast	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	75	75	14	14	24	.....	24	110	50
27	Williamsburg	C. F. Williams	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	44	44	8	8	8	.....	8	200	42
28	Wilton	J. F. Barnett	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	65	65	13	13	30	.....	30	189	23
Total			19330	2883	22213	18524	2877	21401	812	1645	1601	261	261	352	.....	352	4804	1847

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1	Barnes City	H. E. Colby	600	48	648	400	42	442	206	35	35	5	2	5	.....	5	180	31
2	Beacon	A. H. Hanawalt	600	.....	600	558	.....	558	42	45	45	6	6	13	.....	13	60	34
3	Brooklyn	J. W. Lambert	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	95	95	17	17	27	.....	27	226	100
4	Deep River	Isaac Borts	600	100	700	543	100	643	57	50	50	8	7	10	.....	10	60	.....
5	Delta	C. E. Coggeshall	550	.....	550	435	.....	435	115	54	47	5	3	2	.....	2	60	30
6	Ewart	John Potter	.....	.....	.....	235	30	265	.....	48	48	5	5	6	.....	6	75	40
7	Grinnell	J. W. Hackley	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	20	20	25	.....	25	275	100
8	Kellogg	M. A. Meagher	800	60	860	692	60	752	108	70	60	10	9	20	.....	20	100	59
9	Lacey	G. W. Barber	800	100	900	656	100	756	144	60	60	8	5	4	.....	4	60	30
10	Lynnville	R. Collier	540	60	600	461	60	521	79	50	50	8	6	7	.....	7	98	58
11	Malcom	D. C. Bevan	800	150	950	730	150	880	70	65	60	6	5	11	.....	11	150	50
12	Montezuma	E. C. Brooks	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	.....	90	90	17	17	20	.....	20	300	112
13	Newton	C. V. Cowan	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	80	80	20	20	50	50	100

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT...Continued.

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			Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies.....	Amt. Apport'n'd	Amount Paid.....	Amt. Apport'n'd	Amount Paid.....	Rec'd from			Total	Church; Sexton, Light, Fuel, &c	S. School Lesson Leaves, B'ks, &c
			Salary	House Rent.....	Total	Salary	House Rent.....	Total						Collections	Endowments	Other Sources			
14	Newton Circuit.....	David Phillips	680	150	830	680	150	830	.....	65	65	10	10	10	.....	10	100	102
15	New Sharon	W. B. Marsh	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	75	75	13	13	20	.....	20	300	85
16	Oskaloosa	M. Bamford	1500	270	1770	1500	270	1770	.....	150	150	26	26	50	.....	50	400	130
17	“ Circuit.....	J. W. Wilson (Sup)	550	.....	550	440	.....	440	110	36	36	5	4	6	.....	6	75	50
18	Pella	C. H. Westfall	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	35	35	6	6	10	.....	10	76	80
19	Reasoner	E. E. Doud	535	72	607	463	72	535	72	45	38	6	4	8	.....	8	64	47
20	Rose Hill	G. W. Byrkit	500	60	560	450	60	510	50	50	45	7	4	4	.....	4	50	.....
21	Sonora	W. S. Kight	900	100	1000	835	100	935	65	85	80	12	11	10	.....	10	250	50
22	Taintor	A. McBlain (Sup).....	500	25	525	369	25	394	131	60	60	6	6	5	.....	5	.....	60
23	Thornburg	J. A. Sinclair	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	8	8	12	.....	12	173	124
24	What Cheer.....	A. W. Haines.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	54	54	8	8	5	.....	5	200	100
Total			17405	2365	19770	15397	2389	18796	1249	1587	1548	242	222	340	.....	340	3332	1572

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1	Agency	W. E. Patterson.....	750	150	900	676	150	826	74	80	80	12	11	15	.....	.....	15	115	44
2	Albia	E. L. Schreiner.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	115	115	16	16	30	.....	.....	30	200	100
3	Attica	W. A. Jackson	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	60	60	11	11	24	.....	.....	24	55	55
4	Blakesburg	H. A. Ingham	400	.....	400	347	.....	347	53	36	31	7	6	5	.....	.....	5	60	35
5	Brighton	W. H. Heppe	700	75	775	538	75	613	162	42	39	8	7	12	.....	.....	12	140	45
6	Cedar	J. M. Hoober	700	100	800	643	100	743	57	70	56	11	9	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
7	Chillicothe.....	John Bridges	550	60	610	550	60	610	.....	65	65	10	10	10	.....	.....	10	150	50
8	Durham	A. C. Boyd	900	50	950	673	50	723	227	88	68	15	11	10	.....	.....	10	185	73
9	Eddyville	J. C. Caughlan	600	.....	600	592	.....	592	8	45	44	7	6	12	.....	.....	12	90	65
10	Fremont	W. S. Gardner	700	120	820	563	120	683	137	45	37	8	7	12	.....	.....	12	125	75
11	Hedrick	C. R. Norton	700	120	820	650	120	770	50	56	52	10	10	20	.....	.....	20	150	80
12	Kirkville	C. S. Cooper	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	80	80	12	12	11	.....	.....	11	146	73
13	Knoxville	W. F. Mair	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	120	120	20	20	35	.....	.....	35	375	180
14	Lovilia	W. B. Ireland	575	60	635	479	60	539	96	60	50	11	9	5	.....	.....	5	155	61

15	Martinsburg	C. W. Wilson	600	65	665	522	65	587	78	60	53	10	8	15	.....	.....	15	53	60
16	Marysville	W. F. Gilmore	510	30	540	441	15	456	84	52	45	9	8	4	.....	.....	4	50	43
17	Melrose	J. E. Van Winkle	525	.....	525	500	.....	500	25	60	54	8	7	14	.....	.....	14	175	100
18	Moravia	L. Ingham	700	100	800	670	100	770	30	50	48	9	8	10	.....	.....	10	75	.....
19	Ottumwa, First Church	W. G. Wilson	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	152	152	26	26	38	.....	.....	38	1200	.....
20	" Main Street	J. W. Lewis	700	234	934	700	234	934	.....	42	42	7	7	6	.....	.....	6	239	70
21	" Willard Street	I. P. Teter	825	175	1000	710	175	885	115	50	45	10	9	5	.....	.....	5	120	100
22	Packwood	H. C. Millice	600	75	675	481	49	530	145	60	45	10	8	9	.....	.....	9	93	80
23	Pleasant Plain	W. H. Dillon	600	.....	600	509	.....	509	91	46	37	8	6	13	.....	.....	13	40	60
24	Richland	W. S. Moore	600	100	700	578	100	678	22	70	70	11	11	6	.....	.....	6	146	50
25	Sigourney	E. J. Pike	750	120	870	750	120	870	.....	60	60	10	10	6	.....	.....	6	158	.....
26	Unionville	H. B. Scoles	600	100	700	513	100	613	87	48	40	8	6	8	.....	.....	8	90	75
Total			18485	2554	21039	16985	2513	19493	1514	1712	1588	284	259	340	.....	.....	340	4385	1574

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

1																		
2	Burlington District.....	19447	2620	22067	18867	2614	21481	586	1620	1552	291	283	361			361	4683	1804
3	Keokuk District.....	17955	2277	20232	16798	2262	19160	1072	1745	1627	273	246	407			407	3377	1491
4	Muscatine District.....	19330	2883	22213	18524	2877	21401	812	1645	1601	261	261	352			352	4804	1847
5	Oskaloosa District.....	17405	2365	19770	15397	2389	18786	1249	1587	1548	242	222	340			340	3332	1572
6	Ottumwa District.....	18485	2554	21039	16985	2513	19498	1541	1712	1588	284	259	340			340	4385	1574
	Total this year.....	92622	12699	105321	86571	12655	100326	5260	8309	7916	1351	1271	1800			1800	20581	8288
	Total last year.....	94253	11857	106110	89229	11781	101010	5100	8344	7835	1432	1347	1740			1740	18807	7834
	Increase.....		842			874		160		81			60			60	1774	454
	Decrease.....	1631		789	2658		684		35		81	76						

NOMINATIONS FOR 1896-7.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEES.

Admission on Trial—W. P. Stoddard, W. S. Gardner, W. B. Marsh.

First Year—J. C. Willits, L. Ingham, R. L. Patterson.

Second Year—P. J. Henness, G. W. Pool, J. F. Barnett.

Third Year—J. A. Boatman, A. S. Loveall, C. S. Cooper.

Fourth Year—W. N. Groome, J. W. Fraker, J. W. Lambert.

Deacons' Orders—J. C. Caughlan, B. F. Shane, R. Collier.

Elders' Orders—C. H. Montgomery, S. F. Bishop, D. C. Bevan.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Auditing Committee—E. S. Daly, A. E. Thornly, J. E. Newsome, W. A. Jackson, W. N. Groome.

Bible Society—E. J. Shook, D. S. Dunlavy, C. E. Coggeshall, H. A. Ingham, B. M. Boydston.

Books and Periodicals—W. N. Potter, D. Phillips, W. H. Heppe, W. L. Clapp, R. Weese.

Church Extension—John Bridges, A. E. Buriff, T. F. Barker, D. C. Bevan, D. F. Stiles.

Conference Relations—G. W. Swartz, B. F. Shane, J. W. Lewis, J. W. Lambert, W. R. Stryker.

Deaconess—R. L. Patterson, A. M. Smith, C. H. Westfall, W. B. Ireland, Geo. Filmer.

Education—J. W. Hackley, J. E. Corley, W. S. Gardner, W. P. Stoddard, J. A. Boatman.

Episcopal Fund—I. Borts, J. C. Caughlan, S. F. Bishop, J. G. Barton, H. F. Pugh.

Epworth League—J. E. Vanwinkle, F. C. Demorest, J. W. Potter, J. F. Barnett, E. Handy.

Freedman's Aid—G. W. Barber, W. R. Jeffrey, W. H. Jones, J. A. Sinclair, W. S. Moore.

Itinerant Club—C. L. Tennant, H. N. Smith, E. C. Brooks, L. Ingham, W. N. Hall.

Observance of the Sabbath—J. R. Payne, R. Collier, H. B. Scoles, Thos. Osborn, J. J. Beckham.

Periodical Accounts—E. E. Doud, J. W. Lewis, A. S. Loveall, R. Breeden, Jno. Hanks.

Post Offices—A. C. Boyd, Samuel Thero, U. S. Smith, W. F. Hughes, S. P. Souden.

Public Worship—W. G. Wilson, M. Bamford.

State of Church—R. F. Hurlburt, T. B. Hughes, W. G. Thorn, C. V. Cowan, E. J. Pike.

State of Country—I. O. Kemble, C. H. Montgomery, A. V. Kendrick, F. E. Brush, W. F. Cowles.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—J. C. Kendrick, W. S. Kight, C. W. Wilson, C. W. Powelson, J. E. Wilkins.

Temperance—E. H. Waring, C. S. Cooper, M. J. Pusey, P. J. Henness, I. B. Schreckengast.

Tobacco—J. M. Hoöber, T. S. Pool, J. W. Fraker, W. C. Vanschoiack, J. B. Hardy.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—C. W. Evans, H. F. Gilbert, J. M. McClelland, C. F. Williams, I. P. Teter.

Woman's Home Missionary Society—G. W. Pool, H. R. Osborne, G. W. Byrkit, C. R. Norton, G. F. Cannom.

District Conference Records—A. B. Hightshoe, A. W. Haines, W. H. Dillon, J. M. Coates, B. F. Shane.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?*
Rev. F. E. Brush, D. D., Upper Iowa; Rev. R. F. Hurlburt, Upper Iowa; Rev. S. W. Siberts, D. D., Mexico; Rev. S. P. Soudan, S. California; Rev. Simpson Jossel, Mississippi; Rev. H. R. Osborne, St. Louis.

2. *Who have been re-admitted?*
D. F. Stiles.

3. *Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?*
None.

4. *Who have been received on trial?*
(a) *In studies of first year.*

J. T. L. Lawson, Walter W. Williams, G. H. Hanawalt, Alex. McBlain, John H. Taylor, Fred B. Tucker, D. R. Martin.

5. *Who have been continued on trial?*
(a) *In studies of first year.*

W. F. Hughes, Paul H. McBeth.
(b) *In studies of second year.*

Wm. L. Fry, D. G. Abbott, H. E. Colby, Wm. S. Shearer, Wade C. Barclay, Geo. Schlenker.
(c) *In studies of third year.*

J. M. Hooper, Geo. L. Minear, H. T. Robinson, A. M. Mahaffie, John Hanks.

6. *Who have been discontinued?*
Henry Squires.

7. *Who have been admitted into full membership?*
(a) *Elected and ordained Deacons this year.*

William H. Perdew, John W. Pool, Hardy A. Ingham, Wm. F. Gilmore, Wm. H. Dillon, James E. VanWinkle, Charles E. Coggeshall, Harry R. Osborne.

(b) *Elected and ordained Deacons previously.*
Harry B. Scoles.

8. *What members are in studies of third year?*
(a) *Admitted into full membership this year.*

W. H. Perdew, John W. Pool, Hardy A. Ingham, Wm. F. Gilmore, W. H. Dillon, James E. VanWinkle, Chas. E. Coggeshall.

9. *What members are in studies of fourth year?*
Wm. R. Jeffrey, Jr., Ed J. Shook, Wm. L. Clapp, Wm. B. Ireland, H. F. Gilbert.

10. *What members have completed the Conference course of study?*
(a) *Elected and ordained Elders this year.*

Isaac B. Schreckengast, William A. Longnecker, Ulysses S. Smith, Samuel Thero. John M. McClelland, Warner A. Jackson, John E. Wilkins, Charles H. Westfall.

(b) *Elected and ordained Elders previously.*

J. R. Payne.

11. *What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*

(a) *As local preachers.*

W. J. Farber, Alex. Telfer.

12. *What others have been elected and ordained Elders?*

(a) *As local deacons.*

Herbert E. Colby.

13. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*

Yes. (1) The case of I. A. Bradrick was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Keokuk district, assisted by E. H. Waring and John C. Willits, for investigation.

14. *Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Shelton D. Brown, Texas; H. S. Hilton, Indiana; Thomas B. Owen, Foo Chow; M. A. Meagher, S. California; P. D. Davissón, Upper Iowa.

15. *Who have died?*

J. F. Robertson, William Posten.

16. *Who have been located at their own request?*

Levi D. Johnson, George W. Younkin.

17. *Who have been located?*

None.

18. *Who have withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaint?*

Frank T. Maxwell.

20. *Who have been expelled?*

None.

21. *What other personal notation should be made?*

(a) *Orders recognized without admission to the annual Conference.*

Benj. F. Barker, James W. King.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

In the order of entering the ministry: 1846, B. Mark; 1851, Thos. Corkhill; 1851, F. W. Evans; 1852, W. C. Shippen; 1854, W. J. Spaulding; 1856, J. T. Simmons; 1865, J. S. Ferguson; 1868, I. N. Busby; 1869, John Davis; 1869, F. R. Holcomb; 1870, John Potter; 1871, A. Latimer; 1882, J. H. Armacost; 1886, C. E. Corkhill; 1887, W. F. Mair; 1890, H. C. Ethell.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

In the order of entering the ministry: 1836, Anthony Robinson; 1842, J. B. Hardy; 1843, W. F. Cowles; 1844, John Burgess; 1845, Michael See; 1845, Jesse Craig; 1846, E. W. Twining; 1847, J. T. Coleman; 1850, A. W. Stryker; 1850, E. H. Waring; 1852, O. P. Light; 1852, J. B. Hill; 1852, Nelson Wells; 1853, J. G. Thompson; 1854, R. B. Allender; 1860, H. Runyan.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

C. R. Norton, M. Bamford, W. R. Stryker, C. L. Tennant, J. C. Willits, A. C. Boyd, W. G. Thorn.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

(See statistical tables.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$25,928.00.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$6,500.00.

28. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*

\$3,236.00. (See report of Stewards.)

29. *Where are the preachers stationed?*

(See appointments.)

30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Oskaloosa, Iowa.

VII.

APPOINTMENTS.

NOTE.—The figures denote the number of years in present appointment; E, for Elder, D, for Deacon, P. for Probationer.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. M. Tuttle, Presiding Elder, 1—Postoffice, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Ainsworth, J. M. Coates.....	E.	5
Burlington, First Church, R. F. Hurlburt.....	E.	1
Burlington, Grace Church, G. B. Swartz	E.	4
Burlington, West Church, Paul H. McBeth	P.	1
Burlington Circuit, E. S. Daly.....	E.	2
Columbus City, J. W. Carson.....	E.	1
Columbus Junction, B. M. Boydston	E.	1
Crawfordsville, W. L. Clapp	D.	1
Danville, George Filmer.....	E.	4
Ft. Madison, First Church, J. C. Willitts.....	E.	3
Ft. Madison, Santa Fe Avenue, A. E. Buriff.....	E.	3
Hillsboro, H. T. Robinson	P.	2
Kossuth, G. W. Barber.....	E.	1
Mediapolis, M. J. Pusey.....	E.	1
Morning Sun, A. S. Loveall.....	E.	1
Mt. Pleasant, First Church, W. P. Stoddard.....	E.	3
Mt. Pleasant Circuit, C. W. Powelson.....	E.	5
Mt. Pleasant, West Circuit, Samuel Thero.....	E.	1
Mt. Union, G. F. Cannom.....	E.	1
New London, S. F. Bishop.....	E.	3
Salem, P. C. Hogle.....	E.	2
Sperry, C. W. Evans.....	E.	1
Wapello, T. S. Pool	E.	2
Wayland, George Schlenker	P.-D.	3
West Point, A. M. Mahaffie	P.	2
Winfield, W. N. Hall.....	E.	3

C. L. Stafford, President I. W. U., E. 5; F. W. Adams, Professor of Greek, E. 5; **F. C. Demorest**, Professor of Latin, P.-D. 2; W. H. Mahaffie, Professor of Natural Science, E. 4, members First Church Quarterly Conference, Mt. Pleasant. Thomas Osborn, E., **W. H. Perdew**, D., **J. W. Pool**, D., and W. A. Longnecker, E., left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

T. J. Myers, Presiding Elder, 6.—Postoffice, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Batavia, U. S. Smith	E.	2
Bentonsport, A. E. Thornley	E.	1
Birmingham, J. W. Fraker	E.	3
Bloomfield, T. B. Hughes	E.	1
Cantril, D. G. Abbott	P.-D.	1
Centerville, I. O. Kemble	E.	2
Cincinnati, G. W. Pool	E.	1
Drakeville, R. Weese	E.	1
Eldon, T. F. Barker	E.	1
Exline, J. L. T. Lawson	P.	1
Fairfield, J. A. Boatman	E.	2
Farmington, J. E. Wilkins	E.	1
Keokuk, Chatham Square, P. J. Henness	E.	1
Keokuk, First Church, R. L. Patterson	E.	2
Keosauqua, C. L. Tennant	E.	4
Keosauqua Circuit, H. F. Gilbert	D.	3
Libertyville, J. G. Barton	E.	1
Milton, J. W. Potter	E.	1
Montrose, W. S. Shearer	P.	1
Moulton, W. R. Jeffrey	D.	2
Mount Zion, John H. Taylor	P.	1
Mystic, J. J. Beckham	E.	1
Pulaski, R. Breeden	E.	1
Salina, G. L. Mlinear	D.	2
Selma, B. F. Shane	E.	2
Troy, W. M. Erskine	E.	1
West Grove, E. J. Shook	D.	1

C. W. Shepherd, Agent Permanent Fund for Superannuates, E. 2,
member Keosauqua Quarterly Conference.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. Coxé, Presiding Elder, 2.—Postoffice, Washington, Iowa.

Amish	To be supplied	
Blue Grass, W. W. Williams	P.	1
Kalona, W. C. Van Schoiack	E.	3
Keota, W. C. Chew	E.	1
Koszta, D. S. Dunlavy	E.	2
Ladora, W. N. Potter	E.	3
Letts, D. C. Bevan	E.	1
Lexington, A. M. Smith	E.	3
Lone Tree, A. B. Hightshoe	E.	3
Marengo, W. R. Stryker	E.	2
Millersburg	To be supplied	
Muscatine, First Church, J. W. Hackley	E.	1

Muscatine, Park Avenue.....	To be supplied
Muscatine Circuit, J. C. Kendrick.....	E. 2
Nichols, H. R. Osborne.....	D. 1
North English, J. R. Payne.....	E. 1
Oxford, John Hanks.....	D. 2
Riverside, H. N. Smith.....	E. 1
Sweetland, J. M. McClelland.....	E. 3
Tiffin, W. C. Barclay.....	P. 2
Victor, C. H. Montgomery.....	E. 2
Washington, W. G. Thorn.....	E. 3
Webster, W. H. Jones.....	E. 1
Westchester, W. F. Hughes.....	P. 1
Wellman, J. E. Newsome.....	E. 1
West Liberty, I. B. Schreckengast.....	E. 2
Williamsburg, H. F. Pugh.....	E. 1
Wilton, J. F. Barnett.....	E. 3

C. R. Zimmerman, E., left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. Wilson, Presiding Elder, 1.—Postoffice, Grinnell, Iowa.

Barnes City, Chas. E. Coggeshall.....	D. 1
Beacon, G. H. Hannawalt.....	P. 2
Brooklyn, A. V. Kendrick.....	E. 1
Deep River, D. Phillips.....	E. 1
Delta, G. W. Byrkit.....	E. 1
Ewart, D. F. Stiles.....	E. 1
Grinnell, J. E. Corley.....	E. 1
Kellogg, Isaac Borts.....	E. 1
Lacey, H. E. Colby.....	P. E. 1
Lynnville, Richard Collier.....	E. 3
Malcom, W. N. Groome.....	E. 1
Montezuma, E. C. Brooks.....	E. 2
Newton, C. V. Cowan.....	E. 2
Newton Circuit, E. Handy.....	E. 1
New Sharon, W. B. Marsh.....	E. 3
Oskaloosa, M. Bamford.....	E. 3
Oskaloosa Circuit, D. R. Martin.....	P. 1
Pella, C. H. Westfall.....	E. 2
Reasoner, E. E. Doud.....	E. 2
Rose Hill, S. P. Souden.....	E. 1
Sonora, W. S. Kight.....	E. 3
Taintor, Alex McBlain.....	P. 2
Thornburg, J. A. Sinclair.....	E. 2
What Cheer, A. W. Haines.....	E. 3

C. F. Williams, Secretary Iowa Sabbath Association, E. 1, member of Newton Quarterly Conference.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

D. C. Smith, Presiding Elder, 4.—Postoffice, Albia, Iowa.

Agency, W. E. Patterson.....	E.	2
Albia, E. L. Schreiner.....	E.	2
Attica, W. A. Jackson.....	E.	2
Blakesburg, F. B. Tucker	P.	1
Brighton, W. H. Heppe.....	E.	2
Cedar, J. M. Hooper	D.	2
Chillicothe, John Bridges.....	E.	2
Durham, W. B. Ireland	D.	1
Eddyville, J. C. Coughlan.....	E.	5
Fremont, W. S. Gardner.....	E.	3
Hedrick, C. R. Norton.....	E.	3
Kirkville, C. S. Cooper.....	E.	5
Knoxville, J. W. Lambert.....	E.	1
Lovilia, H. B. Scoles	D.	1
Martinsburg, C. W. Wilson.....	E.	4
Marysville, W. L. Fry	P.	1
Melrose, J. E. Van Winkle	D.	2
Moravia, L. Ingham.....	E.	3
Ottumwa, First Church, F. E. Brush	E.	1
Ottumwa, Main Street, J. W. Lewis.....	E.	2
Ottumwa, Willard Street, I. P. Teter.....	E.	4
Packwood, H. C. Millice.....	E.	2
Pleasant Plain, W. H. Dillon	D.	2
Richland, W. S. Moore.....	E.	2
Sigourney, E. J. Pike.....	E.	4
Tracy, H. A. Ingham	D.	1
Unionville, A. C. Boyd.....	E.	1

U. B. Smith, Superintendent in the Children's Home Finding Society, E. 2, member First Church Quarterly Conference, Ottumwa.
W. F. Gilmore, D., left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

VIII.

IOWA CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1896-1897.

NAMES.	BIRTH.		ENTERED ITINERANCY		Entered Iowa Conference	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
	WHERE.	When	CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When		
Abbott, David G.			Iowa	1895		Cantril.
Adams, Frank W.	Ohio	1850	Iowa	1881		Mt. Pleasant.
Allender, Richard B.	Pennsylv'nia	1816	Iowa	1854		Bloomfield.
Armacost, James H.	Ohio	1847	Kentucky	1882	1884	Pella.
Bamford, Morris	Iowa	1848	Iowa	1871		Oskaloosa.
Barber, George W.	Iowa	1850	Iowa	1883		Kossuth.
Barclay, Wade C.			Iowa	1893		Tiffin.
Barker, Thomas F.	Tennessee	1856	Iowa	1890		Eldon.
Barnett, John F.	Iowa	1856	Iowa	1884		Wilton.
Barton, James G.	Ohio	1837	Iowa	1868		Libertyville.
Beckham, James J.	Arkansas	1867	Arkansas	1888	1892	Mystic.
Bevan, David C.	Ohio	1846	Iowa	1871		Letts.
Bishop, S. F.	Maryland	1851	Iowa	1878		New London.
Boatman, J. A.	Kentucky	1848	Kentucky	1870	1883	Fairfield.
Borts, Isaac	Pennsylv'nia	1849	St. Louis	1887	1892	Kellogg.
Boyd, Alexander C.	Maryland	1864	Iowa	1889		Unionville.
Boydston, Boaz M.	Pennsylv'nia	1851	Iowa	1880		Columbus Junc.
Bradrick, Isaiah A.	Ohio	1827	Ohio	1851	1856	ENGLEWOOD.
Breeden, Richard	Indiana	1850	Iowa	1888		Pulaski.
Bridges, John	Scotland	1869	Iowa	1889		Chillicothe.
Brooks, Edward C.	Ohio	1846	Colorado	1870	1887	Montezuma.
Brush, F. E.			Upper Iowa	1877	1896	Ottumwa.
Burgess, John	Maryland	1821	North Ohio	1844	1858	Keokuk.
Buriff, Arthur E.	Ohio		Iowa	1890		Ft. Madison.
Busby, Isaac N.			Iowa	1868		Brooklyn.
Byrkit, George W.	Indiana	1834	Iowa	1857		Delta.
Cannom, George F.	Canada	1858	Bible Christian	1882	1884	Mt. Union.
Carson, John W.	Iowa	1855	Iowa	1890		Columbus City.
Caughlan, John C.	St. Louis	1860	Iowa	1888		Eddyville.
Chew, W. C.	Iowa	1859	Austin	1885	1887	Keota.
Clapp, Wm. L.			Iowa	1893		Crawfordsville.
Coates, James M.	N. Carolina	1838	Iowa	1860		Ainsworth.
Coggeshall, Charles			Iowa	1893		Barnes City.
Colby, H. E.			Iowa	1895		Lacey.
Coleman, James T.	Ohio	1817	Iowa	1847		Ft. Madison.
Collier, Richard	England	1847	Prim. Methodist	1867	1889	Lynnville.
Cooper, Charles S.	Pennsylv'nia	1845	Missouri	1869	1890	Kirkville.
Corkhill, Charles E.	Iowa		Iowa	1886		Oskaloosa.
Corkhill, Thomas E.	Isle of Man	1822	Iowa	1851		Mt. Pleasant.
Corley, Joseph E.	Illinois	1844	Iowa	1871		Grinnell.
Cowan, Clarence V.	Iowa	1855	Iowa	1880		Newton.
Cowles, W. F.	New York	1819	Michigan	1843	1851	Burlington.
Coxe, J. C. W.	New York	1837	Vermont	1864	1874	Washington.
Craig, Jesse	Ohio	1821	Pittsburg	1845	1855	PUEBLO.
Craver, S. P.			Iowa			South America.
Daly, Eugene S.	Vermont	1846	Iowa	1875		Burlington.
Davis, John	Ireland		New Connection	1869	1871	Nashville, Ill.
Demorest, Fred C.			Iowa	1894		Mt. Pleasant.
Dillon, W. H.			Iowa	1894		Pleasant Plain.
Doud, Edward E.	Iowa	1857	Iowa	1885		Reasonor.
Dunlavy, Daniel S.	Iowa	1854	St. Louis	1880	1885	Kosztz.
Erskine, W. M.	Ohio	1862	Iowa	1890		Troy.
Ethell, Henry C.	Iowa	1850	Iowa	1890		Beacon.
Evans, Charles W.	Ohio	1841	Church of God	1866	1885	Sperry.
Evans, Frank W.	Pennsylv'nia	1829	Iowa	1851		Des Moines.
Ferguson, John S.			Iowa	1865		Keokuk.
Filmer, George	England	1846	New York East	1874	1891	Danville.
Fraker, J. W.	Tennessee	1848	Iowa	1884		Birmingham.
Fry, Wm. L.			Iowa	1895		Marysville.
Gardner, W. S.	Ohio	1852	Iowa	1882		Fremont.
Gilbert, Hiram F.	Iowa	1870	Iowa	1893		Keosauqua.
Gilmore, William F.			Iowa	1894		

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	BIRTH.		ENTERED ITINERANCY		Entered Iowa Conference	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
	WHERE.	When	CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When		
Groome, Wm. N.....	Iowa .....	.....	Iowa	1874	.....	Malcom.
Hackley, John W.....	Ohio	1860	Iowa	1882	.....	Muscataine.
Haines, Aaron W.....	New Jersey.....	1847	Iowa	1869	.....	What Cheer.
Hall, W. N.....	Indiana	1849	N'rthw'st Indiana	1873	1880	Winfield.
Hanawalt, G. H.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1896	.....	Beacon.
Handy, Elias.....	England	1860	Iowa	1890	.....	Newton.
Hanks, John.....	Iowa .....	.....	Iowa	1889	.....	Oxford.
Hardy, Joshua B.....	Pennsylv'nia.....	1820	Rock River.....	1842	1844	Brooklyn.
Haynes, James.....	West Virginia.....	1826	Iowa	1855	.....	OMAHA.
Henness, Peter J.....	New York	1853	Iowa	1887	.....	Keokuk.
Hepe, Wm. H.....	Illinois	1867	St. Louis German	1890	1893	Brighton.
Hightshoe, Arthur B.....	Wisconsin	1858	Iowa	1889	.....	Lone Tree.
Hill, John B.....	Virginia	1822	West Virginia.....	1852	1857	Agency.
Hogle, Peter C.....	Ohio	1848	Iowa	1886	.....	Salem.
Holcomb, F. R.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1879	.....	.....
Hoover, Jacob M.....	Ohio	1852	Iowa	1890	.....	Cedar.
Hughes, T. B.....	Virginia	1836	West Virginia.....	1857	1886	Bloomfield.
Hughes, Wm. F.....	West Virginia.....	.....	Iowa	1895	.....	West Chester.
Hurlburt, H. F.....	.....	.....	Upper Iowa.....	1882	1896	Burlington.
Ingham, Hardy A.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1894	.....	Tracy.
Ingham, L.....	.....	.....	Nebraska.....	.....	1894	Moravia.
Ireland, W. B.....	Iowa	1864	Iowa	1893	.....	Durham.
Jackson, Warren A.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1892	.....	Attica.
Jeffrey, Wm. R.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1893	.....	Moulton.
Jones, Wm. H.....	Illinois	1860	Iowa	1887	.....	Webster.
Kemble, Ira O.....	Ohio	1835	Iowa	1865	.....	Certerville.
Kendrick, A. V.....	Illinois	1846	Iowa	1873	.....	Brooklyn.
Kendrick, J. C.....	Illinois	1843	Iowa	1869	.....	Muscataine.
Kight, W. S.....	Maryland.....	1861	Iowa	1884	.....	Sonora.
Lambert, J. W.....	Virginia	1850	West Virginia.....	1877	1885	Knoxville.
Latimer, A.....	.....	.....	Illinois.....	1871	1879	.....
Lawson, J. L. T.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1896	.....	Exline.
Lewis, J. W.....	Pennsylv'nia.....	1855	Iowa	1882	.....	Ottumwa.
Light, O. P.....	Ohio	1828	Illinois	1852	1867	.....
Longnecker, W. A.....	Illinois	1868	Iowa	1892	.....	.....
Loveall, A. S.....	Virginia	1851	West Virginia.....	1879	1886	Morning Sun.
Mair, Walter F.....	West Virginia.....	1861	Iowa	1887	.....	Pella.
Mahaffie, W. H.....	.....	.....	Puget Sound.....	.....	1893	Mt. Pleasant.
Mahaffie, Albert M.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1894	.....	West Point.
Mark, Banner.....	Ohio	1825	Ohio	1846	1860	LOS ANGELES.
Marsh, Waldo B.....	Illinois	1859	Southwest Kansas	1877	1891	New Sharon.
Martin, D. R.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1896	.....	Oskaaloosa.
McBeth, Paul H.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1895	.....	Mt. Pleasant.
McBlain, Alex.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1896	.....	Taintor.
McClelland, John M.....	Ireland	1867	Iowa	1892	.....	Sweetland.
Millice, Henry C.....	Indiana	1855	Iowa	1885	.....	Packwood.
Minear, George L.....	Iowa .....	.....	Iowa	1894	.....	Salina.
Montgomery, C. H.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1873	.....	Victor.
Moore, W. S.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1890	.....	Richland.
Myers, Thomas J.....	Indiana	1840	Iowa	1869	.....	Mt. Pleasant.
Newsome, J. E.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1888	.....	Wellman.
Norton, Charles R.....	Ohio	1845	Iowa	1872	.....	Hedrick.
Osborne, H. R.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	1894	1896	Nichols.
Osborn, Thos.....	Iowa	1867	Iowa	1889	.....	.....
Patterson, Ralph L.....	Minnesota.....	1860	Illinois.....	1882	1884	Keokuk.
Patterson, Wm. E.....	Virginia	1845	Iowa	1871	.....	Agency.
Payne, J. R.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1888	.....	North English.
Perdew, Wm. H.....	.....	.....	Iowa	1894	.....	.....
Phelps, Warren A.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	.....	1892	.....
Phillips, David.....	England	1861	Iowa	1890	.....	Deep River.
Pike, Elias J.....	Indiana	1846	Iowa	1868	.....	Sigourney.
Pool, J. W.....	Iowa .....	.....	Iowa	1894	.....	.....
Pool, G. W.....	West Virginia.....	1860	Meth. Potestant.....	1885	1889	Cincinnati.
Pool, Thos. S.....	Iowa	1846	Iowa	1887	.....	Wapello.
Potter, John.....	England	1843	Iowa	1870	.....	Lynnville.
Potter, John W.....	Iowa	1864	Iowa	1887	.....	Milton.
Potter, Wm. N.....	Connecticut.....	1856	Iowa	1883	.....	Ladora.
Powelson, C. W.....	Ohio	1849	Iowa	1886	Mt. Pleasant.
Pugh, Henry F.....	West Virginia.....	1847	Iowa	1873	Williamsburg.

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NAMES.	BIRTH.		ENTERED ITINERANCY		Entered Iowa Conference	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
	WHERE.	When...	CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When...		
Pusey, Morris J.....	Pennsylv'nia	1855	Iowa	1887	1857	Mediapolis.
Robinson, Anthony	N. Carolina...	1810	Indiana	1836		Ottumwa.
Robinson, Hiram T.	.....		Iowa	1894		Hillsboro.
Runyan, Harrison	Virginia	1829	Iowa	1860		Sidney.
Schlenker, George	New York ...	1860	Iowa	1891		Wayland.
Schreckengast, I. B.	.....		Iowa	1888		West Liberty.
Schreiner, Edwin L.	Ohio	1840	Iowa	1865		Albia.
Scoles, Harry B.	.....		Iowa	1894		Lovilia.
See, Michael.....	West Virginia	1817	Iowa	1845		Mediapolis.
Shane, Benjamin F.	Ohio	1837	Iowa	1869		Selma.
Shearer, W. S.	.....		Iowa	1895		Montrose.
Shepherd, Charles W.	Illinois	1840	Iowa	1868		Keosauqua.
Shippin, Wm. C.	Ohio	1829	Iowa	1852		
Shook, Edward J.	Illinois	1869	Iowa	1893		West Grove.
Siberts, S. W.	.....		Iowa	1875		
Simmons, J. T.	Delaware	1829	Iowa	1856		Ottumwa.
Sinclair, James A.	Vermont	1855	Iowa	1884		Thornburg.
Smith, Andrew M.	Ohio	1868	Iowa	1889		Lexington.
Smith, David C.	Pennsylv'nia	1837	Iowa	1864		Albia.
Smith, Herman N.	Ohio	1862	Iowa	1888		Riverside.
Smith, Ulysses S.	Iowa	1869	Iowa	1892		Batavia.
Smith, Uriah B.	Pennsylv'nia	1840	Iowa	1867		Ottumwa.
Souden, S. P.	.....		Iowa	1885	1896	Rose Hill.
Spanlding, W. J.	New Jersey.	1827	Indiana	1854	1856	Mt. Pleasant.
Stafford, Charles L.	Ohio	1844	Iowa	1870		Mt. Pleasant.
Stiles, D. F.	.....				1896	Ewart.
Stoddard, Walter P.	New York City	1852	New Eng. South..	1880	1891	Mt. Pleasant.
Stryker, Almond W.	Indiana	1822	Indiana	1850	1856	
Stryker, Wm. R.	Indiana	1851	Iowa	1875		Marengo.
Swartz, Geo. B.	Iowa		Iowa	1889		Burlington.
Taylor, John H.	.....		Iowa	1896		Mt. Zion.
Tennant, Charles L.	West Virginia	1862	Iowa	1884		Keosauqua.
Teter, Isaac P.	Virginia	1829	Iowa	1853		Ottumwa.
Thero, Samuel	Iowa	1871	Iowa	1892		Mt. Pleasant.
Thomas, Samuel H.	Virginia	1830	Iowa	1860		Beacon.
Thompson, James G.	Tennessee	1814	Iowa	1853		Sigourney.
Thorn, Wm. G.	Ohio	1845	Iowa	1867		Washington.
Thornley, Arthur E.	Canada	1864	Iowa	1891		Bentonsport.
Tucker, Fred B.	.....		Iowa	1896		Blakesburg.
Tuttle, George M.	Nova Scotia	1843	Vermont	1870	1876	Mt. Pleasant.
Twining, E. W.	Massachusetts	1814	Iowa	1846		
Vanschotack, W. C.	Indiana	1855	Iowa	1888		Kalona.
Vanwinkle, James E.	.....		Iowa	1894		Melrose.
Waring, Edward H.	England	1826	Baltimore	1850	1857	Oskaloosa.
Weese, Renix	.....		West Virginia...	1873	1885	Drakeville.
Wells, Nelson	Pennsylv'nia	1825	Iowa	1852		
Westfall, Charles H.	Illinois...	1861	Southeast Kansas	.....	1893	Pella.
Wilkins, John E.	.....		Iowa	1890		Farmington.
Williams, Charles F.	.....		Iowa	1880		Newton.
Williams, W. W.	.....		Iowa	1896		Blue Grass.
Willits, John C.	Iowa	1864	Iowa	1891		Ft. Madison.
Wilson, Charles W.	Ohio	1853	Iowa	1888		Martinsburg.
Wilson, Wm. G.	Indiana	1842	Iowa	1879		Grinnell.
Zimmerman, C. R.	Iowa	1864	Iowa	1891		

SUMMARY.

Elders.....151
 Deacons 20
 Unordained..... 14

Total185

Superannuates 17
 Supernumerary 16
 Effective.....152

Total185

Members of Conference.....167
 Probationers 18

Total185

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

Year	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1844	August 14-18	Iowa City	Morris	H. W. Reed
1845	September 3-8	Burlington	Morris	"
1846	September 2-7	Bloomington	Hamlin	"
1847	September 1-7	Mt. Pleasant	Wagh	Joseph Brooks
1848	August 23-28	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed
1849	August 8-13	Ft. Madison	Janes	Langdon Taylor
1850	August 7-12	Fairfield	Hamlin	J. G. Dimmitt
1851	August 6-11	Davenport	Wagh	M. H. Hare
1852	Sept. 29 to Oct. 4	Burlington	Ames	Joseph Brooks
1853	Sept. 28 to Oct. 4	Oskaloosa	Scott	"
1854	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed
1855	Sept. 26 to Oct. 3	Keokuk	Simpson	Joseph Brooks
1856	September 24-30	Mt. Pleasant	Janes	"
1857	September 24-29	Des Moines	Ames	"
1858	September 8-14	Fairfield	Morris	E. L. Briggs
1859	September 7-12	Muscatine	Simpson	E. H. Waring
1860	Aug. 29 to Sept. 3	Oskaloosa	Janes	"
1861	August 21-26	Burlington	Scott	"
1862	September 10-15	Washington	Baker	"
1863	September 9-14	Newton	Ames	"
1864	September 14-19	Keokuk	Janes	"
1865	Sept. 27 to Oct. 2	Mt. Pleasant	Janes	"
1866	Sept. 26 to Oct. 1	Knoxville	Ames	"
1867	September 18-23	Ottumwa	Scott	"
1868	September 3-7	Burlington	Janes	"
1869	September 1-6	Muscatine	Thomson	"
1870	Sept. 28 to Oct. 3	Albia	Ames	"
1871	October 4-9	Mt. Pleasant	Ames	"
1872	October 9-14	Oskaloosa	Andrews	"
1873	September 17-21	Washington	Bowman	"
1874	September 16-21	Bloomfield	Haven	"
1875	September 15-21	Keokuk	Merrill	"
1876	September 6-12	Ottumwa	Wiley	Geo. N. Power
1877	September 5-10	Fairfield	Ames	"
1878	September 4-10	Brooklyn	Foster	"
1879	September 3-9	Burlington	Harris	"
1880	September 8-13	Centerville	Hurst	"
1881	Aug. 31 to Sept. 5	Knoxville	Merrill	"
1882	September 6-11	Muscatine	Wiley	"
1883	September 5-10	Burlington	Simpson	"
1884	September 3-9	Ottumwa	Foster	"
1885	September 10-15	Mt. Pleasant	Ninde	"
1886	September 2-7	Washington	Bowman	"
1887	September 7-12	Newton	Merrill	"
1888	September 5-10	Oskaloosa	Goodsell	"
1889	September 4-9	Burlington	Warren	"
1890	September 4-8	Grinnell	Joyce	"
1891	September 2-7	Muscatine	Foss	"
1892	September 7-12	Washington	Andrews	"
1893	September 6-11	Mt. Pleasant	Mallalieu	C. L. Stafford
1894	September 12-16	Fairfield	Fowler	"
1895	September 11-16	Ottumwa	Foster	"
1896	September 9-14	Knoxville	Newman	"

ROLL AND RECORD OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	Ent'r'd the Ministry	Ordained Bishop
Thomas Bowman	3929 Washington Avenue, St. Louis	1839	1872
Randolph S. Foster	Roxbury, Massachusetts	1839	1872
Stephen M. Merrill	57 Washington Street, Chicago	1846	1872
Edward G. Andrews	New York City	1848	1872
Henry W. Warren	Denver, Colorado	1855	1880
Cyrus D. Foss	Philadelphia	1857	1880
John F. Hurst	Washington, D. C.	1858	1880
W. X. Ninde	Detroit, Michigan	1856	1884
John M. Walden	Cincinnati	1858	1884
Willard F. Mallalieu	Boston, Massachusetts	1858	1884
Charles H. Fowler	Buffalo, New York	1861	1884
John H. Vincent	Topeka, Kansas	1853	1888
James N. Fitzgerald	St. Louis	1862	1888
Isaac W. Joyce	Minneapolis	1859	1888
John P. Newman	San Francisco	1848	1888
Daniel A. Goodsell	Chattanooga	1859	1888
Charles C. McCabe	Ft. Worth, Texas	1860	1896
Earl Cranston	Portland, Oregon	1867	1896

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NAMES	BIRTH	DEATH	MINISTRY.
Ferree, Uriah.....	August 7, 1813.	1846.	1841 to 1846
Knight, William W.	October 20, 1817	May 28, 1847.	1844 to 1847
Arrington, Joel.		July 20, 1851.	1833 to 1851
Ockerman, Joseph.	1812	August 27, 1850.	1842 to 1850
Vail, Solomon T.	1814	July 28, 1852	1849 to 1852
Jamison, Joseph		1853.	
Bishop, Alfred		1853	1851 to 1853
Wright, Ansel.		1854	1847 to 1854
Jay, John	1819	January 1, 1859	1845 to 1859
Clark, Samuel	1800	February 9, 1857	1821 to 1857
McClasky, Isaac.	June 11, 1811.	February 27, 1860	1837 to 1860
Conrad, George W.	December 15, 1836	April 28, 1860	1857 to 1860
Hammond, J. O.	June 9, 1809	March 23, 1863	1847 to 1863
Coier, Erasmus T.	February 2, 1832	June 28, 1862	1857 to 1862
Byrkit, William A.	November 4, 1838	July 2, 1863	1860 to 1863
Simpson, William.	January 22, 1812	February 22, 1864	1837 to 1864
Wayman, Manasseh B.	April 9, 1836.	July 2, 1864	1857 to 1864
Stewart, Isaac I.	August 4, 1806.	August 15, 1864	1837 to 1864
Bussey, Amos	November 20, 1806	January 18, 1865	1837 to 1860
Worthington, David	February 13, 1815	March 1, 1866	1840 to 1866
Crellin, Henry	March 19, 1820.	January 1, 1867.	1856 to 1867
Boyles, Thomas D.	August 30, 1817	December 16, 1867.	1855 to 1866
Hare, Michael H.	December 23, 1817	July 27, 1868	1845 to 1868
Elliott, Charles.	May 16, 1792.	January 6, 1869.	1818 to 1859
Bamford, George W.	March 23, 1824	April 18, 1871	1854 to 1871
Latham, James W.	July 23, 1830.	January 1, 1872.	1854 to 1865
Donaldson, David	March 22, 1828.	July 21, 1872	1854 to 1872
Elliott, John.	December 8, 1842	September 5, 1872.	1868 to 1872
Power, John H.	March 15, 1798.	January 26, 1873	1821 to 1873
Prather, Amos S.	April 17, 1832	April 1, 1873	1857 to 1873
White, James H.	August 2, 1814.	July 17, 1873	1837 to 1861
Friend, George	February 21, 1818	October 21, 1873	1855 to 1873
Gortner, B. W.	May 22, 1849.	August 21, 1874.	1872 to 1874
Smith, David B.	August 3, 1825.	March 30, 1875	1869 to 1875
Coddington, Eli H.	July 1, 1837.	July 30, 1877.	1866 to 1872
Hugans, John W.		April 12, 1878.	1873 to 1878
Ludwig, Silas T.		July 20, 1878.	1877 to 1878
Harris, John.	June 5, 1809.	July 29, 1881	1845 to 1875
Wheeler, John.	April 7, 1815.	June 18, 1881	1855 to 1881
Holland, Benjamin	April 11, 1809.	January 17, 1883	1853 to 1874
Holtzinger, P. F.	January 6, 1816	May 20, 1883.	1843 to 1881
Robinson, Richard S.	March 2, 1807.	May 6, 1884	1829 to 1870
Woodford, L. C.	May 21, 1813	September 3, 1884	1841 to 1859
Freeland, J. S.	August 23, 1845	January 2, 1885.	1871 to 1885
Berry, Eben C.	October 6, 1845.	June 30, 1885	1876 to 1885
McDowell, Joseph	July 11, 1797	October 16, 1885	1833 to 1865
Kirkpatrick, T. M.	June 5, 1813.	March 10, 1886	1837 to 1875
Johnson, Allen W.	May 18, 1819.	June 27, 1887	1843 to 1872
Allison, Robert J.	September 2, 1855.	September 3, 1888	1884 to 1888
Hayden, John	December 16, 1812.	July 10, 1888.	1841 to 1865
Haynes, John	March 31, 1833.	April 16, 1888	1859 to 1888
Gassner, Joseph.	September 27, 1811	March 26, 1889	1836 to 1879
Morey, Cyrus	April 11, 1816.	March 27, 1890	1851 to 1886
Blackeney, James B.	September 24, 1827.	June 18, 1890	1850 to 1890
McCutcheon, James H.	July 3, 1812.	November 24, 1890	1839 to 1862
Reynolds, C. P.	December 25, 1821.	June 26, 1891	1853 to 1885
Willey, G. F. W.	1821.	June 21, 1892	1874 to 1885
Hestwood, S.	August 16, 1822	June 22, 1892	1853 to 1892
Power, G. N.	March 3, 1829	October 26, 1892	1856 to 1892
Orr, John	October 20, 1817.	February 2, 1893	1859 to 1883
Smith, S. C.	July 29, 1841	May 22, 1893	1879 to 1892
McDonald, J W.	March 13, 1834.	May 31, 1893	1866 to 1893
Wilson, R. G.	July 5, 1858.	June 2, 1894	1883 to 1894
Dunn, C. S. H.	January 7, 1855.	August 17, 1894	1880 to 1892
Shelton, O. C.	1816	September 5, 1894	1836 to 1888
Murphy, D.	June 27, 1833.	January 29, 1895	1858 to 1895
Clark, G. H.	1828.	April 16, 1895.	1851 to 1878
Posten, William.	July 5, 1825.	December 11, 1895	1855 to 1885
Robertson, J. F.	July 23, 1851.	July 24, 1896	1877 to 1896

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MINISTER'S WIVES.

NAMES.	BORN.	DIED.
Maria La Monte Cowles	January 4, 1836	August 3, 1873.
Esther McDowell	November 7, 1792	November 26, 1872.
N. J. Rankin .....	.....	August 8, 1873.
Hannah Elliott Shane	August 12, 1849	April 27, 1873.
Harriett Olive Shepherd	December 7, 1850	March 12, 1873.
Josephine Rice	1852	October 20, 1873.
Jennie F. Busby	December, 1841	August 20, 1874.
Mary N. Power	April 26, 1806	January 1, 1876.
Harriet H. Gassner	September 10, 1822	December 23, 1877.
Jane Johnson Briggs .....	.....	June 20, 1878.
Lucy Shelton	April 1, 1816	February 4, 1878.
Martha A. Smith	November 14, 1844	August 23, 1878.
Clara Ehrman Patterson	April 26, 1851	October 9, 1881.
Ann C. Bean Clark	March 1, 1836	1882.
Elmira R. Allender	August 16, 1820	April 7, 1883.
Milred Holland .....	.....	October 11, 1883.
Elizabeth Clark	September 4, 1805	1884.
Emma A. Wycoff	1857	March 1, 1884.
Irene Carnine	May 10, 1852	December 10, 1884.
A. B. Busby	August 27, 1857	October 1, 1886.
S. B. Swain	August 4, 1849	March 3, 1886.
Jennie Robinson Adams	June 8, 1854	January 31, 1884.
J. H. McCutcheon	June 3, 1821	July 30, 1885.
J. W. Lewis	April 9, 1862	February 14, 1887.
C. Morey	August 15, 1821	July 28, 1888.
Mary A. Morgan Orr	July 4, 1823	September 28, 1887.
Mary A. Waring	November 16, 1828	November 15, 1887.
R. S. Robinson	July 15, 1825	July 15, 1889.
Georgiana Y. Smith	October 6, 1841	October 12, 1889.
Mary F. Coxe	March 20, 1841	November 11, 1889.
Catharine Bamford	April 28, 1831	March 16, 1890.
Sarah Waring	August 30, 1830	August 4, 1890.
Matilda Brown Power	August 20, 1831	August 9, 1890.
Martha W. Stryker	February 1, 1826	April 18, 1891.
Christina S. Hooper	August 28, 1852	July 26, 1891.
Mary B. Kemble	December 26, 1836	July 30, 1891.
Lucretia E. Worthington	August 10, 1835	September 19, 1891.
Jane Collier	December 10, 1840	December 31, 1891.
Martha A. Simmons	March 1, 1832	May 4, 1892.
Louisa Dunlavy	June 1, 1854	September 27, 1892.
Mary A. Holtzinger	September 30, 1820	December 20, 1892.
Martha A. Schreiner	October 19, 1847	December 29, 1892.
Mrs. D. C. Bevan .....	.....	1892.
Nancy J. Smith	January 16, 1848	February 7, 1894.
Ann Harris	1808	April 7, 1894.
Catherine Friend	December 26, 1821	August 8, 1894.
Nancy Jane Light	September 12, 1833	August 4, 1895.
Rebecca M. Boyles	October 10, 1822	March 24, 1895.
Maria H. Woodford	January 10, 1816	October 27, 1895.
Alice T. Johnson	January 1, 1852	February 25, 1896.
Mary Jane Hill	June 8, 1829	March 3, 1886.